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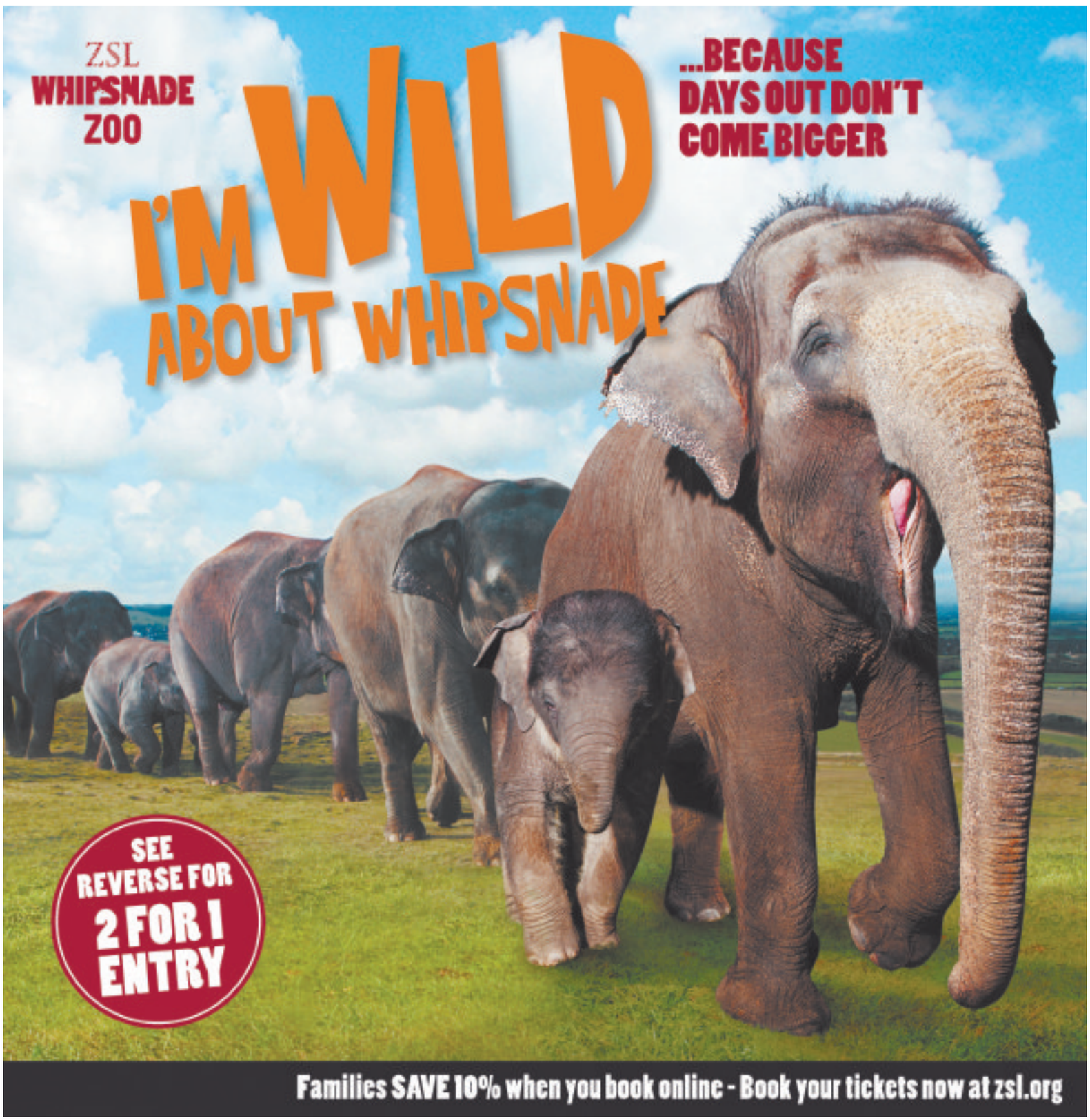

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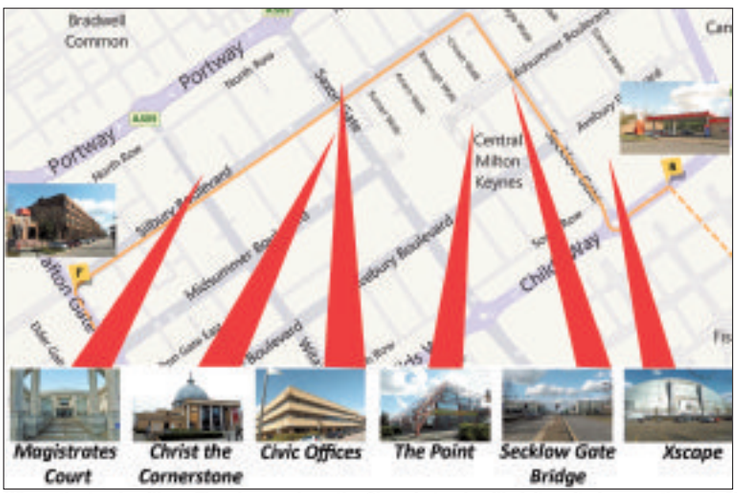

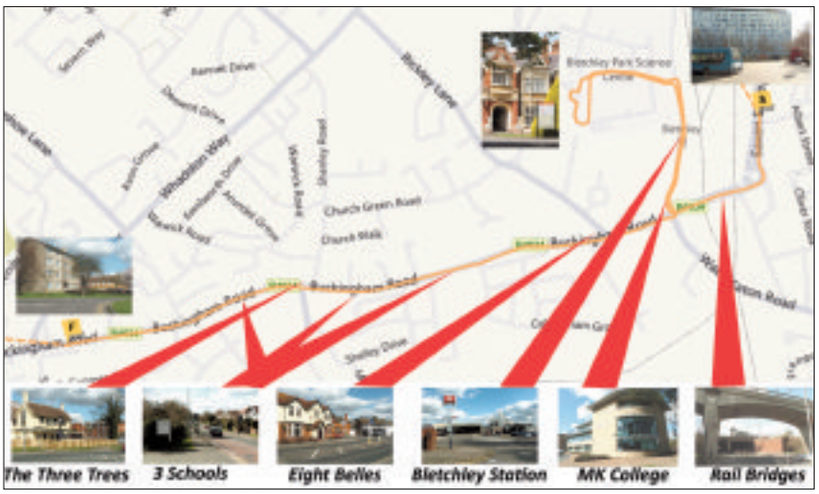

Where the torch will go: The places where the Olympic torch will visit on its journey through Milton Keynes, *left*, and Bletchley, *right*

Olympic torch route leaves city in the dark

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THE Olympic torch will start its journey here at a petrol station - and end at a block of flats.

And Liberal Democrat leader Sam Crooks has said he is 'disappointed' the route does not take in parts of Milton Keynes that show its history.

On the morning of July 9, the torch will start at the Total garage in Childs Way, then pass Xscape along Secklow Gate and turn onto Silbury Boulevard.

It will end by the Santander building on the corner with Grafton Gate.

Afterwards it will head to Bletchley where it will begin again outside the bus station and head along Sherwood Drive, past the train station and do a loop of Bletchley Park.

From there it will be carried along Buckingham Road and finish where it meets St Clements Drive.

Cllr Crooks said: "It is disappointing this route has been chosen.

"There are a tremendous amount of things to say about MK. "It was the first 'transport city' in the UK, we have the Grand Union Canal, Wolverton was the first transport town, the coaching heritage of Stony Stratford, the M1. And also the Open University."

Meanwhile, the torchbearers have been announced with Browns Wood teenager Katie Spaughton getting one of the honours.

But her mum Jane said while it is 'amazing' for her, it is slightly sad that she will be carrying the torch in Rugby and not in Milton Keynes on her 14th birthday.

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Amazing opportunity: Teenager Katie Spaughton, who will be an Olympic torchbearer

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Going on TV: Sara Agintas

TV sofa awaits cab problem customer

THE 33-stone woman who came to MK NEWS after a cabbie refused to drive her has thanked us for the stir it has caused.

Since appearing in this paper four weeks ago, Sara Agintas, a mother-of-six, has appeared in national newspapers and on TV and radio.

Next week she will appear in gossip magazine Closer and on Wednesday will join Holly Willoughby and Philip Schofield on the This Morning sofa.

MK NEWS highlighted an issue she had when a Skyline driver would not let her into the front seat of his car because of her weight.

Mrs Agintas said: "It is really thanks to you guys for starting this whole thing.

"I hope that if all this publicity helps one person being overweight then it has all been worth it.

"I have become a bit of a celeb around here, everyone keeps coming up to me saying they saw me in the paper.

"My whole family are really excited. I'm still on a calorie-controlled diet and having just 2,000 calories a day. That's going well.

"I've also got my youngest son and daughter on a diet and they are losing about a pound a week."

Bid launched to get a Garden City name

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PETITION to rename Milton Keynes has been launched after the disappointment of the city status campaign.

Should the petition eventually be successful, Milton Keynes Garden City would become the third garden city after Welwyn and Letchworth.

The online petition was launched by MK Central railway station worker Charles Ashbury, from Neath Hill, after Milton Keynes lost out to Chelmsford in its bid to officially be called a city last week.

He said: "Quite a lot of us who work at the station are proud of Milton Keynes and we thought it was an awful shame we lost out.

"We thought a way around that would be to go along the same lines as Welwyn and Letchwoth and change to Garden City.

Mr Ashbury feels that, because of Milton Keynes' parks and other aspects, it rightly deserves to be called a garden city, and he also thinks it will change outside perceptions.

Although a counter-petition has already been launched, David Foster, chief executive of The Parks Trust which is responsible for green spaces, said: "What an interesting idea and it's not a silly one. Milton Keynes is actually the culmination of the garden city movement and many of the principles that were employed in the original garden city of Letchworth have in fact been used with great success here."

■ **For views on the city status bid, see Letters Extra on page 14.**

Cup hero's dad dies after final

THE best moment of a city footballer's career quickly turned to tragedy in heartbreaking circumstances on Sunday.

Milton Keynes born Liam Kelly, 22, a former Dons scholar, was part of the Kilmarnock team who claimed a shock 1-0 victory over huge favourites Celtic in the Scottish League Cup Final at Hampden Park in Glasgow.

But the celebrations were cruelly cut short when Liam's father Jack, 59, collapsed at the stadium and later died of a suspected heart attack.

Dons boss Karl Robinson said: "It's tragic and just puts reality into what we do. Our thoughts at the club are with him."

Trio need to pay £55k

THREE people involved in selling fake designer clothing, electric toothbrushes and razor blades on the internet have been ordered to pay more than £55,000 or serve nearly two years in prison.

Anna Iwanicka, 30, and Robert Tomasz Dziekanowski, 37, both of Culrain Place, Hodge Lea, and Dorota Iwanicka, 28, of Khasiaberry, Walnut Tree, had previously appeared before magistrates to admit importing the counterfeit goods direct from China and selling them on eBay.

At a confiscation hearing at Amersham Crown Court on Thursday, Anna Iwanicka was ordered to pay £39,040.27 within six months or go to jail for 13 months. Dorota Iwanicka was ordered to pay £7,027.49 within six months or go to jail for five months and Robert Tomasz Dziekanowski was ordered to pay £9,468.70 within six months or go to jail for five months.

The courts made a total confiscation order of £55,536.56.

At an earlier hearing the trio had appeared before Aylesbury Crown Court and were each sentenced to nine months imprisonment, suspended for two years, and ordered to each do 300 hours of unpaid work. The judge also gave them a curfew for nine months, between midnight and 6am.

The trio originally pleaded guilty after more than 12,000 items of fake Calvin Klein clothing, 1,700 Oral B electric toothbrushes and 6,400 Gillette razor blades were sold, netting them about £83,000.

Man guilty of murdering colleague

A MAN has been found guilty of murdering a former colleague in the garden of his own home.

Suresh Nahar was last night facing a life sentence after a jury at Luton Crown Court took just 90 minutes to decide the 32-year-old was guilty of the murder of his former friend David Law in September last year.

Nahar, of Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead, had pleaded not guilty to the charge.

When the jury found him guilty at 4pm yesterday, Judge Richard Foster said he would sentence Nahar this morning at 10am.

Thanking the jury for sitting on the trial, the judge said Nahar faced a life sentence, but it was for him to set the actual tariff.

It was during the evening of September 5 last year that Suresh went to the home of Mr Law, who lived in Litchfield Down, Walnut Tree.

The men had worked together and had been good friends over the years, and both enjoyed smoking cannabis.

It was around 8pm that evening that neighbours of Mr Law suddenly heard a commotion break out from the garden of his home. Nahar had stabbed his friend nine times as well as inflicting many other superficial wounds. He was arrested at the scene and claimed Mr Law had attacked him and he had been forced to defend himself.

To find out Nahar's sentence, visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

The scene of the murder, *above*, and Suresh Nahar, *right*

First homes for 15 years will be built

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE council will start building homes for the first time in 15 years in 2012 - but only ten will be built to begin with.

Currently there are 353 people in 'band one', who are in the most urgent need of housing, and hundreds more in bands two, three and four.

There are also around 6,000 people each month that contact Milton Keynes Council looking for help with housing.

It is for these reasons that councillors unanimously voted at a full council meeting to start building council homes, although they admit they cannot build enough.

Cabinet member Peter Geary said: "We have to accept we are never going to have the money to build hundreds and hundreds of homes every year.

"But the idea is to start building council homes, something that we as a council all agree on.

"We will hopefully be building small amounts every year - there's no big pot of money to build council homes."

The first to be built will be wheelchair accessible and Cllr Geary said that once people have moved in, this will free up other homes for families to move into.

Cllr Chris Williams made the motion at the meeting last Tuesday night.

He told MK NEWS: "I'm not over the moon with the amount of homes because I want them to build more, but it's a start."

Cllr Geary said they will have to work to find additional resources in the future to continue the house building programme, as well as find ways of working with landlords in the social housing sector to house more people.

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Man charged with rape

A MAN appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday charged with the rape of a 32-year-old woman in Linford Wood on Saturday, March 10. Omar Ahmed, 29, a taxi driver from Western Road, Wolverton, has been bailed to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court this Friday.

Duke of York visit

THE Duke of York will be visiting the city next week. HRH Prince Andrew will be coming to Milton Keynes on Wednesday to visit a number of companies and organisations, including Bletchley Park and Mercedes in Tongwell, accompanied by Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

Woman's purse stolen

A HEAVILY pregnant woman had her purse snatched in Stockwell Lane, Wavendon, at around 6.15pm last Wednesday. Police would like to speak to a driver who helped the woman on 101.

Van driver assaulted

A VAN driver was assaulted by a cyclist on Thursday.

At 12.10pm, a 52-year-old man was driving a white Citroen Berlingo van with Appetito branding along Windmill Hill Drive in Bletchley. As he neared the junction of Buckingham Road he braked sharply to avoid a cyclist who crossed in front of him.

The cyclist then got off his bike and started hitting and kicking the van. The driver got out and the cyclist started punching him in the face, put him in a headlock and dragged him to the floor. The cyclist then rode off. The victim had bruising to his face and knee.

The offender is white, 5ft 10ins, of athletic build and about 24 years old. He was wearing black cycling shorts, a white and grey fitted top with stripes on the sleeves and black sunglasses.

Call 101 with any information.

Warning over heating oil after fire

FIREFIGHTERS are urging people to take care when cooking with oil after a fire on Monday which led to ten people being evacuated from their homes.

Crews from Broughton and Bletchley were called to the fire in the kitchen of a first-floor flat in Harley Drive, Walton, shortly before 9am.

A man who had overheated oil in a saucepan moved it to a sink, where it came into contact with water.

The resultant fire swept across the ceiling destroying the net curtains, damaging the smoke detector and blackening most of the kitchen and lounge.

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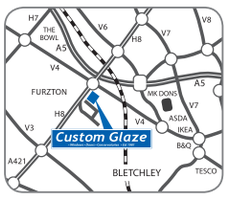

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Support sought for petition to suspend 'right-to-buy'

SIR - I am writing to ask the residents of MK and beyond to support us and sign our e-petition.

At last week's MK full council meeting it was decided to embark on a new council housebuilding programme in order to help the needs of residents.

The next logical step we believe is to call on the Government for councils to be compelled by legislation to suspend the right-to-buy sales of council housing, where demand for council housing exceeds its supply, in order to protect and preserve council housing for the people here and now and future generations in housing need.

We need at least 100,000 signatures to trigger a debate in Parliament on this issue – we would really appreciate it if everyone could get their family and friends to sign also.

You can sign the e-petition at http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/30038.

Eamonn Bobey
MK Defend Council Housing

Give the disabled a chance to physically cast their votes

SIR - With local elections fast approaching, I would like to highlight an important yet often neglected issue effecting thousands of people in Milton Keynes.

There are more than 10million disabled people in the UK and on average each constituency contains 15,000 such voters – around a fifth of the total electorate.

Despite being such a large group, disabled people are regularly prevented from voting in a large number of polling stations.

A survey published by Scope after the 2010 election, showed that 67 per cent of polling stations had one or more significant access barriers to disabled voters.

The same survey also showed that up to 47 per cent of disabled people also had problems with postal voting, with problems ranging from complicated instructions, to difficulties in marking and folding the paper into the small envelope provided.

I would ask Milton Keynes Council to ensure polling stations are fully accessible for disabled people, while also ensuring postal vote instructions are clear and easy to carry out.

This should ensure disabled people across Milton Keynes are able to cast their vote and have a say on the future of our great city.

Paul Williams
Sent by e-mail

New resident shocked by lack of respect for the town

SIR - Having just moved to the area from Bristol, I expected this young town to be clean and tidy.

I am most disappointed to see such massive amounts of litter being thrown about by careless people. Cans, bottles, cigarette boxes, all discarded by uncaring people.

A family were having a barbecue this weekend on the edge of Caldecotte Lake. They brought all their bits and pieces with them, so why can't they take their rubbish back with them? They must live in a pig sty and not care for their environment or what others want to appreciate. Shame on these people

Name and address supplied

More comprehensive survey also says no to 20mph limit

SIR - It has been reported in your paper that a recent survey carried out by councillors Mick Legg and Nigel Long reinforces our findings on the 20mph speed limit plan in Whalley Drive and adjoining closes ('People say no to 20mph limit plan', MK NEWS, March 14).

Their survey is limited to 90 residents. Our door-to-door survey that was carried out few months ago was more detailed.

The number of people who signed our petition in this area was more than 230 and the numbers are as follows: Whalley Drive, 76; Westminster Drive, 59; Home Close, 29; and Linx, 29. The majority of them are totally against 20mph even though there is a problem of speeding in Whalley Drive. Another survey carried out by the West Bletchley Council using SID (smiley face monitoring device) does not warrant the introduction of 20mph in Whalley Drive.

There are several practical measures that need to be looked into to avoid accidents and speeding by motorists:

- Double yellow lines at the junction of Whalley Drive and Whaddon Way
- Double yellow lines at the junction of Whalley Drive and Westminster Drive close to Linx
- Double yellow lines near the cemetery for a very short distance
- Install speed cameras for a short period of time in Whalley Drive and book motorists who speed
- Periodic checks by traffic wardens using speed cameras and catch the culprits who exceed the speed limit

The issue of 20mph will crop up again and again in this area since the parish and Milton Keynes Council elections are going to take place in May.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

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Mark's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Mark Lancaster MP

FUTURE Wolverton began in 2002, a 20-year project to rejuvenate and strengthen the Victorian town.

This month, Future Wolverton relaunches its website and co-ordinator Marie Osborne poses her questions to Mark.

Wolverton is one of four frontrunner Neighbourhood Plan areas in Milton Keynes. How can we expect to use the Localism Bill to transform the town centre for the better?

As part of my Government's pledge to create better conditions for integration, there are 500 community organiser positions now available nationwide. Currently Milton Keynes does not have a host organiser who can train and recruit people to take up the positions.

The host organiser must be locally rooted and have an interest in the long-term development of their area.

This is something I think Wolverton groups should consider joining, in order to get the most out of the Localism Act. You can find out more about how to become a host at www.cocollaborative.org.uk.

The community asset transfer is another tool of the Localism Bill. This is currently being piloted in five areas across Milton Keynes and aims to transfer council assets into the hands of existing organisations and charities.

How are we going to encourage people to carry out important energy-saving retrofitting work to older properties with overly onerous national standards to meet?

I am pleased that Wolverton has secured funding from the Government to make an 1830s house more energy efficient. Retrofitting is vital if we are to meet our 80 per cent carbon reduction target by 2050.

Much like my approach to the development of Milton Keynes, we must ensure we have the infrastructure in place before attempting to reach these targets.

The changes to the planning system come into force next month and I hope they will be a step towards cutting red tape.

In addition, there is a clear need for a skilled and well-informed eco-workforce. The public must be better aware of the best eco-friendly options.

I will be asking the Government to clarify how the Localism Bill will allow communities to interpret the building regulations, so that efforts to decarbonise are made more accessible.

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Revamp petition for troubled flats

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A PETITION has been started to 'redevelop' a block of flats.

The online submission to Milton Keynes Council's website asks people to sign in favour of 'knocking' them down as there are 'serious issues' with Serpentine Court in the Lakes Estate, Bletchley.

Ricky Oates, who started it, encourages people to 'bring change'.

A Lakes Renewal Project is up and running and in November a referendum will be held for residents to decide on the future of the estate.

So far six people have signed the petition, including Paul Griffiths who commented: 'The council has dithered over the possible redevelopment of Serpentine Court for years. Meanwhile it has been left to slowly rot. This isn't fair on the people who have to live there. The council must act and act now.'

Another, Gareth Jones, agrees with the idea of residents having to pay a service charge for maintenance.

With 500 signatures the council will undertake a report.

A council spokesman said: "In order to reassure residents that Serpentine Court will continue to be maintained while options are being explored, we have introduced a 'handyperson service' where tenants can approach the tradesman or caretaker on site to report repairs and to arrange access."

He added anyone wanting to talk about issues could go to Lakes Resident Association meetings or talk to the Lakes Steering Group.

View the petition at epetition-smk.firmstep.com/petitions/redevelop-flats-lakes-estate.

Boxing's a clever way to aid charities

MK FREEMASONS held a boxing tournament on behalf of Willen Hospice and the Motor Neurone Disease Association at Wilton Hall in Bletchley. Tony Wright, head coach of the MK Victors club, invited boxers from London and the home counties to compete and they collectively put on a great sporting tournament. Event organiser Tom Borland, *pictured left*, presented the trophies to the competitors.

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More bobbies on beat

MP MARK Lancaster has praised Thames Valley Police after figures handed to the Home Office have shown an increase in the number of police on patrol over the past two years. In 2010/11 there was an increase in policing of 8.4 per cent, and 5.1 per cent in 2011/12. Mr Lancaster said: "The release of these statistics shows there is an investment in front line policing in Milton Keynes and this is to the benefit of all residents."

Dragon boat on show

THE 11th Dragon Boat Festival, organised by Gable Events in aid of Willen Hospice, will be showcased on Saturday with a full size 30-foot Chinese dragon boat inside Midsummer Place shopping centre. The 2012 festival takes place at Willen Lake on Sunday, June 24.

Jubilee volunteers

VOLUNTEERS are needed for Stony Stratford's Fun Run and Big Jubilee Lunch on June 4. Call 01908 566726 to help.

Torchbearer's delight

■ From page 1

The 13-year-old's mum said: "This is so amazing for Katie, she has done so much to deserve it. We are so proud of her.

"It is a little bit sad that she couldn't do it in Milton Keynes as July 9 is her 14th birthday so it would be a double celebration."

Katie, who has won 11 national horseriding titles, was nominated for her work with Endurance GB where she taught other riders about long distance riding.

Carrying the flame through Bletchley will be locals Hazel Staten and Sean Vendy, while in Milton Keynes, residents Allan Grainger and Luke Webb will be tasked with the honour.

Members of the public in Kingston were asked what they thought of the Olympic route through the city.

Sarah Johnson, 32, said: "It seems a bit rubbish that it is only going through the centre. It seems a very strange place to start too. I know people in Milton Keynes use a lot of petrol to get around but it's not really a landmark.

"Most people already know about Xscape. It would have been nice if they could have chosen a less concrete area and away from the roundabouts."

Mohammed Shah, 49, said: "The whole world is going to be watching the Olympics and it doesn't sound like the people who chose it wanted to make Milton Keynes look nice at all."

While Anthony Richardson, 45, said: "To be honest that is what most people know when they think of Milton Keynes. It's great that they are going to Bletchley Park. We should be really proud of that."

Council Leader Andrew Geary said: "It will be a very proud day for our city and the whole of the borough and we hope people turn out in their droves to cheer on our torchbearers."

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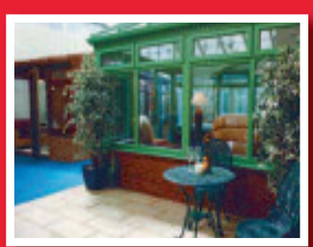

Furniture will help the homeless

THERE'S more help for Milton Keynes' homeless in the city centre thanks to a kind donation from a community project.

The Jesus Celebration Centre in CMK, previously featured in MK NEWS on February 22, now has a fully-fitted kitchen and other furniture after donations from Kiln Farm-based Reuse Community Project.

The scheme aims to reuse all items no longer needed by members of the public, by either selling them on and donating the proceeds to Alzheimer's charities, or giving the items themselves to help homeless, disabled and other people.

Margaret Mann, from the project, said: "We want to help as many people as we can. With good causes like the Jesus Celebration Centre, if we have got the item they need we let them have it."

The project donated kitchen items to the centre, along with lights, two sofas, linoleum for the kitchen floor, and T-shirts and jumpers for the people who go there.

The Rev Augustino, *left*, takes delivery from Margaret Mann, *right*

The Rev Augustino Lyimo, from the centre, said: "We really appreciate everything they have done for us and for the community."

Row over waiting times at hospital

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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AN ARGUMENT has erupted over conflicting reports of a 'rise' in patient waiting times at Milton Keynes Hospital.

According to the Labour Party, hospital waiting times in the area have risen by 40 per cent since the Coalition Government took power in May 2010.

However, Darren Leech, chief operating officer at the hospital, said: "We are surprised to hear reports of a 40 percent increase in times because right now waiting times at Milton Keynes Hospital are falling."

Milton Keynes Hospital explained the NHS Foundation Trust regularly reviews waiting lists to ensure that patients who need treatment most urgently are seen first.

The issue was discussed at last Tuesday's full council meeting where Labour councillor Peter Marland said: "For the tenth month running Milton Keynes Hospital has missed four hour waiting times in A&E which is now the 22nd worst A&E in the country."

A motion to call on the Government to drop its health bill was also passed.

Andrew Pake, Labour's parliamentary spokesman, said: "There is clear opposition to the Government's NHS plans across Milton Keynes and in the country at large.

"I hope our two MPs will now listen to local concerns and use their influence to help drop the bill."

Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, said: "Our NHS is too valuable to be undermined by misleading attacks like this.

"While there is a legitimate debate to be had about how we reform the NHS so it can meet health needs in the future, there is no room for unfounded attacks."

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John is Best man for job

A FORMER MK Council chief executive has been appointed by British Waterways as chairman of the South East Partnership, which will advise on how the canal network is looked after in the future. John Best is an experienced town planner and urbanist and trustee director of Bedford MK Waterway Trust.

Turing open meeting

TO MARK the centenary of the birth of Alan Turing, The National Museum of Computing is to host an open meeting called Turing and his Times at Bletchley Park on April 26 at 5pm. It is the second of three Turing-themed events linking three of the top computing museums in the world. Tickets are £10 (plus £1 booking fee) from www.etickets.to/buy/?e=8174.

Help plant jubilee trees

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help plant 250 trees at Bradwell Abbey on Saturday. The Woodland Trust has donated the trees to the site for a Jubilee Woodland. Meet in the courtyard, Discovery Centre, at 9.30am.

Shootings trial jury is dismissed

THE jury in the trial of three men accused of murdering two teenagers has been dismissed.

A retrial in the Fishermead shootings case is now expected to be held in October after the judge said he was stopping the trial for legal reasons.

After legal arguments on Monday, Mr Justice Nicholl said: "The fundamental criteria of a trial is it must be fair. If the present trial continued it would not meet the test."

The cause of the jury's discharge cannot be reported for legal reasons.

Mohammed Abdi Farah, 19, and Amin Ahmed Ismail, 18, were shot in an alleyway on May 26 last year. Yahya Harun, 21, of Fishermead Boulevard, Sharmake Abdulkadir, 21, of The Fleet, Springfield, and Fuad Awale, 24, of no fixed abode, pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder. Abdulkadir has also denied possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

Swimathon is a big success

FIFTY-TWO teams swam around 6,329 lengths last week to raise £25,000 in the latest Rotary Club of Milton Keynes Swimathon.

The annual event benefits and involves people from all parts of the community, with swimmers at Stantonbury this year ranging from five to nearly 90 years old.

The cubs and scouts, Territorial Army and cadets, friends and family groups, schools, company teams and many others gave up their time to raise money for Age UK, City Counselling Centre, Community Cardiac Group, Milton Keynes Museum, Remap, Willen Hospice, the Mayor's charities The Rifles – Care for Casualties and MK SNAP, and other charities supported by Rotary International.

The Buckingham Swans won the most lengths title with 178, MK Rotary Club's team raised the most, and Oakgrove retained the Schools' Trophy.

On February 25, £1,700 was also raised by the Disabled Swimming Club.

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Xscape could host city's large casino

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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IT IS now a three-horse race to host the city's large casino after the latest bidder received planning permission last week.

A plan to put a 3,391-square-metre casino inside Xscape in CMK was given the go-ahead on Thursday night by Milton Keynes Council's planning committee.

The casino, being proposed by Xscape owners X Leisure, would take the place of the current bowling alley, which would be moved elsewhere inside the building.

The site was given permission in the face of strong opposition from a number of groups, including pressure group Xplain which says locating the casino at Xscape could have a negative social impact.

Talking about Fishermead at the meeting, Xplain member Linda Inoki said: "This location is right next to a socially deprived area of Milton Keynes.

"The people who can least afford it gamble in casinos.

"We know a lot of people living in Fishermead are young men and unemployed."

The group says that having the casino in a different location would mean this social risk would not be a problem for those living in Fishermead.

But Richard Noble, chief operating officer of Aspers which would run the casino, said: "We take pride in our policy and procedures to protect the vulnerable and young from the harms of gambling."

The decision now means council licensing officers have three options when they come to decide where the large casino will be later this year.

The Xscape plan will be competing with one for a new-build casino next to stadiummk, by Pete Winkelman's Inter MK, and another at the Leisure Plaza next to Central Milton Keynes railway station.

Only one site can be awarded the large casino licence after the city was one of eight places given the right to build one by the Gambling Act 2005.

Casino plan: Xscape

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Raids uncover a big tobacco plot

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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HUNDREDS of fake wrappings for tobacco brands were seized in a raid last week as part of an operation to foil a £6million counterfeiting plot.

Nine people were arrested on Thursday by HM Revenue and Customs officers on suspicion of illegally manufacturing and distributing a massive quantity of counterfeit hand rolling tobacco in Buckinghamshire and Staffordshire.

At a residential address in an unconfirmed part of the city, three machines used to wrap and seal tobacco pouches, sheets of holograms, packet seals, and a quantity of completed packets of hand rolling tobacco were seized along with the wrappings.

Raids also took place in Leighton Buzzard and Cannock, Staffordshire.

Adrian Farley, assistant director of criminal investigation for HMRC, said: "Our actions have disrupted what we believe to be the manufacture and supply of a substantial amount of illicit tobacco at an illegal manufacturing and distribution plant."

Although five of those arrested are from Buckinghamshire, HMRC would not confirm whether any are from Milton Keynes. They have all been bailed until May.

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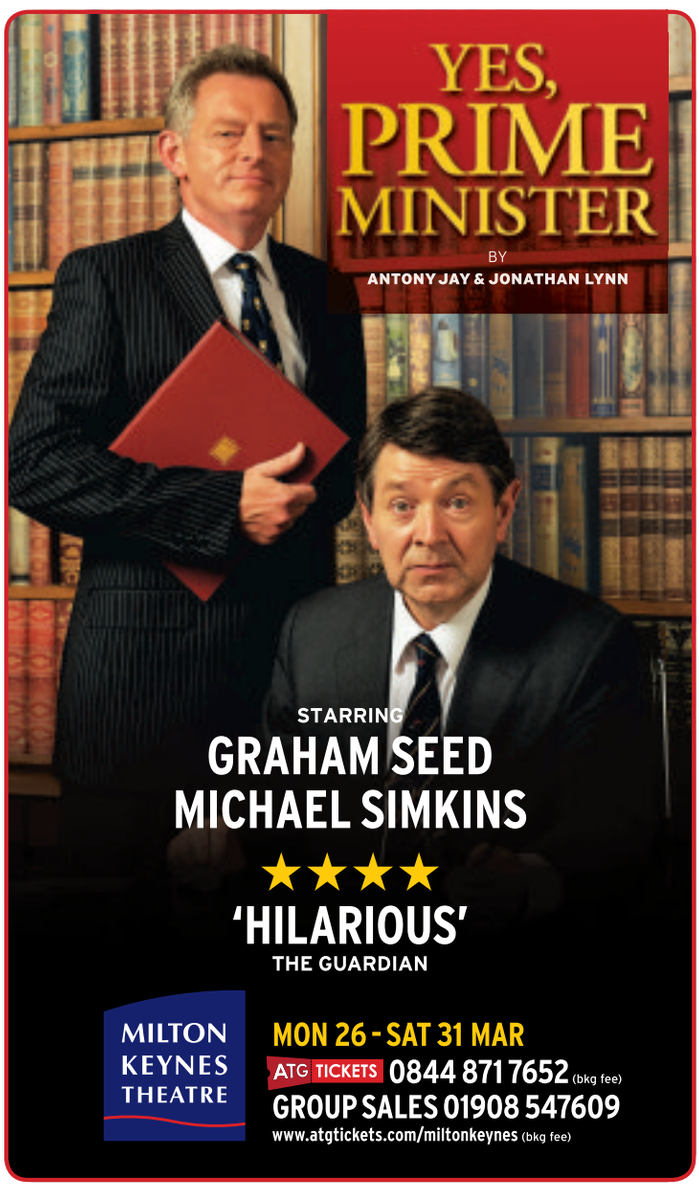

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Kerb victory after 700-mile detour

'Superduper': Doreen Wildman and Margaret Burke cut the ribbon at the new kerb watched by border collie Floss

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A DISABLED woman has had to travel the equivalent of going to Paris and back over the last three years – as there was no dropped kerb near her home.

Doreen Wildman, 64, of Harrowden, in Bradville, was having to make a 600-yard detour twice a day to visit the shops or take her dog out for a walk because of the inconvenience.

Having to do this every day has added an extra 747 miles on to her route in three years – or what could have been a trip to Paris and back, with a few spare miles for sightseeing.

This week she finally won a battle to get a dropped kerb put in, which will lessen her journey time by ten minutes each way as well as stop her having to take her mobility scooter on to the road.

The occasion was marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday.

She said: "I feel superduper. I feel safe now I don't have to take my scooter on those very bumpy roads."

While Mrs Wildman was taking this dangerous detour her faithful Border Collie, Floss, sat patiently waiting for her.

Mrs Wildman explained: "I had to get her to sit at the crossing, then I'd back my scooter up, go along the road which is full of potholes, get to the other side and call her across."

Mrs Wildman had tried to get down the kerb but this caused her to break her scooter so she had to resort to the detour.

Margaret Burke, chairman of Bradville Residents' Association, got involved in lobbying Milton Keynes Council for a drop-down kerb after she witnessed Mrs Wildman struggling.

She said: "I was driving past her and saw the movement and I was so shocked that I pulled over."

Ms Burke is pleased that action has finally been taken but is mortified that it took three years.

She added: "There are several areas in Bradville without drop-down kerbs, we've won this battle but it's not the end of the war."

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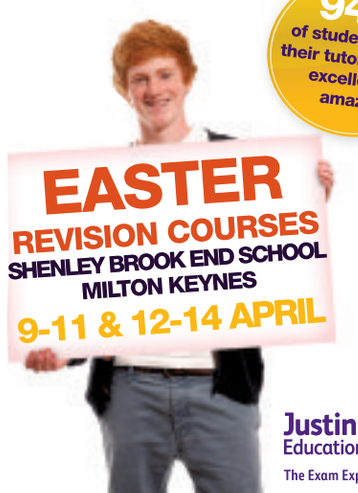

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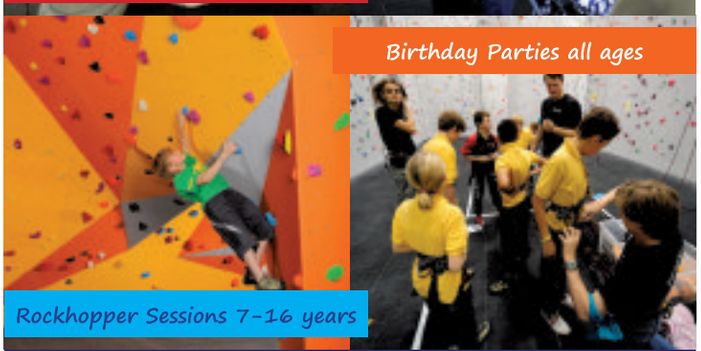

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Above: MP Iain Stewart and Milton Keynes Mayor, Councillor Alan Richards, join in the fun

The marching band refused to yield

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HUNDREDS of people took to the streets to celebrate St Patrick's Day on Saturday.

The festivities began at the Milton Keynes Irish Centre in Manor Fields, Fenny Stratford, before ending up at the bandstand in Queensway, Bletchley.

Present on the day was MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart and the city's mayor Alan Richards who gave a speech in front of the crowds.

The parade was led by the Milton Keynes Pipe Band and following at the back was a Samba band.

Irish dancing was performed by the Mary Drake School of Dancing.

Organiser Tom Bolton said: "It was a really good day, very colourful with lots of people enjoying themselves. There were lots of different costumes.

"The celebrations went long into the night, well past midnight. It was a very good day."

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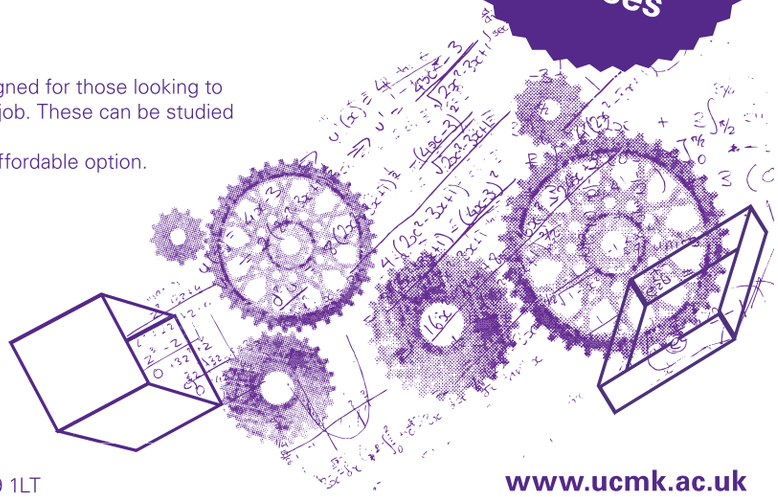

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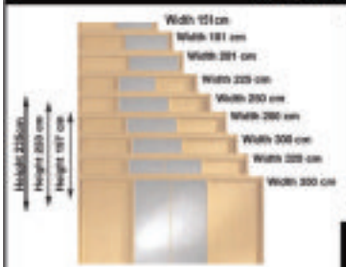

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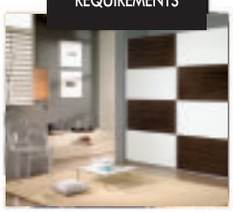
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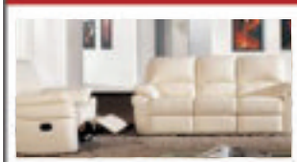
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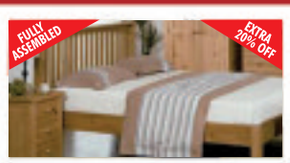

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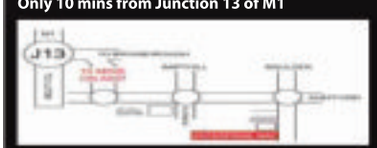

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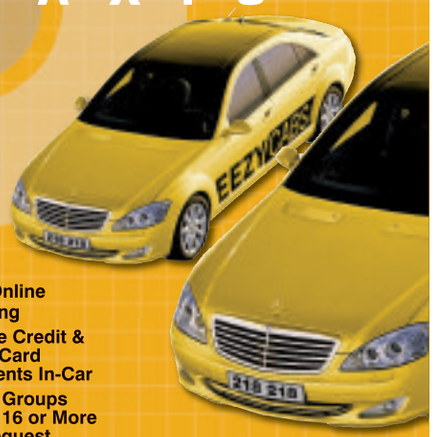

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Save money and end quest for city status

SIR - Now that we have missed out on achieving city status again can Milton Keynes Council please agree not to waste any more of our money on future attempts?

If and when the Queen decides to 'honour' Milton Keynes with the title of city, it will have nothing to do with the thousands of pounds spent on promoting our fine town, it will simply be the case that it is our turn.

In the meantime, we all refer to MK as a city anyway.

We have a multitude of large international businesses (and lots of smaller local companies) based here, the Bowl, MK Dons, MK Lightning, beautiful lakes, country parks, Xscape, and the redways to name but a few of the things that make MK great.

We will continue to be proud of Milton Keynes, whether it's called a village, a town or a city.

Catherine Tyler Prady
Middleton

Delay applying again until 2067 centenary

SIR - Justice has been done.

Milton Keynes has been far too confident of its place in the pecking order for too long now. There are many towns which deserve city status before Milton Keynes.

It should be remembered that it does not even possess a charter making it a town.

The district has one making it a borough, but as an urban settlement, distinct from the rural part of the borough, there is no official document that has ever said it is even a town.

Don't jump the gun. Apply in 2067 when the centenary of the new town passes, and then at least Milton Keynes might be able to claim a fraction of the history enjoyed by some of the more deserving places that missed out this time.

John Powell
Sent by e-mail

Decision was fair and the right thing to do

SIR - Milton Keynes is a nice place to live (in most areas) and has some nice green land and open space.

Yes it has good jobs and many businesses relocate here, but it doesn't deserve to be a city purely on the fact it has nothing to grant it city status.

CMK is dull and has no soul, culture or even a proper diverse nightlife scene like other cities.

If it has no history it should at least have some of those things. It just has a big shopping centre full of big name brands and doesn't have any character.

People I know who live in other cities say the same thing.

Population means nothing, Chelmsford obviously ticks more boxes for becoming a city.

Having a larger population and town that looks like a city filled with big name franchises doesn't equate to being a city. MK has come a long way from being a village so why not just be happy being a town for now.

Let it develop some more and inject some culture and diversity into the 'town' and maybe in 50 years time it might have a chance of becoming a city.

Name and address supplied

We have much better things to worry about

MAYBE we should stop worrying about how we refer to Milton Keynes and do something about the gangs wandering around assaulting members of the public and stealing mobile phones and cash.

It's getting so bad I won't allow my family to walk anywhere.

I am getting sick and tired of reading about people being targeted for a couple of pounds or a mobile phone - these gangs must think we owe them a living.

When is somebody going to do something about this?

Name and address supplied

Way people refer to MK is 'irritating'

IT IS a shame MK didn't get city status as now we will have to continue listening to people calling it a 'city' when it's not, which is extremely irritating.

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Sent by e-mail

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Sight loss group has a Eye for Art

BY DAN PALMER
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MEMBERS of a city art group for the visually impaired have been hard at work to help African families who also suffer from sight loss.

The talented drawers and painters from BucksVision Eye for Art have created 40 original pieces which will be sold to benefit people in Sierra Leone.

Artist Daxa Parmar helped the group to produce acrylic paintings, mono prints, watercolours and collages, all inspired by images of the West African country.

And the results have been so impressive that you would think that they had come from the hand of a highly trained artist.

The group have been using black outlines and blocks of colour and shape to help them along.

They simplify images by breaking them down into different sections and paint what they see.

Daxa, who is from Northamptonshire, said: "They are a really fun group and have a wicked sense of humour.

"Everyone has their own style and when you see the pieces you wouldn't think that it was done by a visually impaired person.

Members of BucksVision Eye for Art display their creations

"The group gives everything a go, taking things step by step.

"I will definitely be buying a piece."

Group members met their counterparts from Sierra Leone when they paid a visit to the city with help from local charity MK Powerful Information.

The club relies on volunteers to exist and works with professional artists at Inter-action MK in Peartree Bridge.

Their pieces will be on display and available to buy on Saturday at the MK Gallery, between 11am and 4pm in the room next to the Project Space.

The exhibition has been made possible by the gallery which has donated the space to exhibit, and by Peter Fraser, a volunteer who has donated his time and materials to frame all of the group's artwork.

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College is first to pay 'living wage'

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COLLEGE has become the first organisation in Milton Keynes to adopt a new initiative to put more money in the pockets of the city's lowest earners.

MK College has agreed to pay all of its employees the 'living wage' of £7.20 per hour instead of the national minimum wage of £6.08 after it was targeted by a large city pressure group.

Citizens:mk, which represents more than 10,000 residents through its members and formed around 18 months ago, drew up a list of ten of the largest employers in the city and researched how much their workers are paid.

It discovered many were being paid the national minimum wage, which it says is leaving people in 'working poverty' as it is not enough for them to live comfortably.

Citizens:mk organiser Mohamed Suleman said: "MK is the success story of the south east and it is an amazing place to live. But when you scratch under the surface you find a lot of social issues and many of these can be linked to poor working conditions, poor wages and a lack of respect to those on lower wages."

Leaders and students from Citizens:mk at an 'action' at Tesco in mid June to try to encourage the supermarket to adopt the living wage

The group then spoke to MK College, identifying it as being one of the older establishments in MK and at the heart of the city.

Rob Jones, vice principal at the college, said: "We were impressed with what Citizens:mk are trying to achieve. The change affected a small number of staff, fewer than two per cent, with most of these having only recently transferred to us from another organisation.

"We liked the ethos of the living wage as it fits in with our own values and we were pleased to support the scheme."

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Still time to join Sport Relief Mile

Ian Devonshire of MK Radio Controlled Car Club

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THOUSANDS of people will descend on the city centre on Sunday.

There will be many fun and colourful characters, and perhaps the odd celebrity or two in Midsummer Place.

And they will be taking to the streets for one reason – for the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile.

There is still time to enter yourself to run, jog, walk, space-hop or do anything else you wish along the one-mile, three-mile or six-mile route, and you will be raising money to help some great causes right here in Milton Keynes.

But apart from those taking part in the Mile, people right across the city are doing lots of fun and interesting things to help raise much-needed money.

Members of Milton Keynes Radio Controlled Car Club will be doing their bit at an event at Mill Mead Hall in Wolverton - instead of racing their cars for the usual five minutes, each race will instead be a mile.

Member Ian Devonshire said: "Sport Relief helps all sorts of organisations and over the last few months we've had more people with disabilities joining the club, so this is a good way of helping people with mobility challenges."

Spectators can show their support and donate between 9am and 1pm.

Also doing their bit are the residents of new retirement complex Shenley Wood Village and sister village Lovat Fields.

On Friday from 1-5pm, residents and their families will be able to head to Shenley Village for a sports day, run jointly between Extracare and MK Dons Sport and Education Trust - which have both received Sport Relief funding in the past.

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Lottery boost for women's charity

BY DAN PALMER
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A CHARITY for women has received nearly a quarter of a million pounds to carry out its work in the city.

Milton Keynes Women and Work has been awarded a phenomenal £241,464 from the Big Lottery Fund for a project called Women without Boundaries.

The charity is based in Acorn House, in Midsummer Boulevard in CMK, and aims to help local women improve their employment prospects by providing advice and guidance and a variety of free training courses.

Chief executive Niz Smith said that the lottery funding, which will be paid over the course of three years, would enable the creation of a 'dispersed' women's centre.

This means that the group can set up activities across Milton Keynes in response to what women have told them they want, rather than having a traditional women's centre based in a building and limited by its size and location.

"The aim of the project is to reduce isolation by developing more activities within communities, and to build up people's confidence so that they can move onto other things if they want to," Mrs Smith said.

Mark Lancaster helps MK Women and Work celebrate their windfall

"Some may just want to attend a group locally to share an interest and others may decide that, having built up their confidence, they want to use our other services to help them return to work.

"We will be working with other local organisations including MK AGE, MK Mind and Adult and Continuing Education to help us support as wide a range of women as possible."

Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster helped celebrate the handing over of the money.

And it is currently a doubly exciting time as the organisation is currently in the process of searching for the first Milton Keynes Woman of the Year, a new accolade which has been launched to help celebrate local women.

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A cash windfall for city sports groups

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THREE organisations scooped a share of £150,000 last week as part of a scheme to encourage people into sport.

Conniburrow Community Association (CCA), MK Springers and Stony Stratford Cricket Club all secured £50,000 of Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund, and cheques were handed over on Friday.

The Inspired Facilities fund is part of the £135million Places People Play legacy programme.

Every sports facility that receives funding will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark – celebrating the link to the Olympic Games.

CCA's money will go towards their project to replace the community centre and sports pavilion destroyed by fire in 2010.

The new facility will provide a sporting hub for the community and will focus on developing softball, baseball and football.

CCA chairman Joy Cowell said: "This is excellent news for our community, we are delighted.

"Conniburrow Community Centre and its sporting facilities were a vital facility at the hub of Conniburrow. The Sport England Award will be a welcome contribution to the restoration."

MK Springers, a youth gymnastics club based in Kiln Farm, were also head over heels to be presented with their huge cheque.

Stony Stratford Cricket Club will be putting the money towards repairs and an upgrade to their pavilion.

And today, Sport England will be back to present a cheque for £27,600 to improve playing fields at Tattenhoe Pavilion.

The pitches are currently in poor condition which leads to flooding in winter and cracking in the summer. Hertsmere Leisure Trust, which manages the site for Milton Keynes Council, is matching the investment.

Jumping for joy: Mayor Alan Richards, MP Iain Stewart and Sport England sporting champion John Cove with MK Springers

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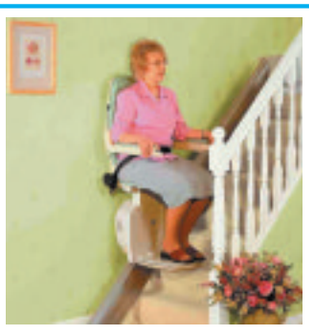

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Laughs galore as top show hits city

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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WHETHER you remember the days of Yes, Minister and its spin off Yes, Prime Minister or not, Graham Seed hopes the stage version will give audience members a good laugh.

Playing the part of the Prime Minister, who is heading the coalition government and staring disaster in the face, Graham, *pictured*, was attracted to the challenge the role presented.

He said: "It was very different in the seventies and eighties. Politics has moved on it's more scandal now and the play is very up to date.

"It includes lines such as 'God Humphrey I am the Prime Minister' which people will remember but there's also a cover-up of an under age sex scandal."

The play has been a huge success and comes to Milton Keynes following a fantastic season in the West End and sell-out shows in Oxford.

Graham hopes that the city's audience will be just as enthusiastic about the play. He said: "The writers have turned a 30 minute sitcom into a two-hour play and it works. The play has experienced tremendous success."

Fans will know Graham best for his role as Nigel Pargetter in the Archers, which he played for 27 years.

But his character, the keen 'good looking but dim' environmentalist was killed off during the 60th anniversary episode last year.

Pargetter was felled by a combination of a loose slate and a flapping Happy New Year banner on the roof of his home; a fate which came as a shock to Graham. He said: "It was a surprise but the Archers is always a part-time job. You can't depend on the Archers for full-time work."

As a star of TV, radio and stage Graham's wealth of experience has no ends but he explained that it is impossible to choose which medium he prefers. He said: "Each has its good points. I started off at RADA so I suppose one would say that was my home but as much as I love theatre if I was offered an appealing TV role I would take it. I take what I can get and as an actor that is how it has to be."

The original writers of the classic BBC TV series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn have reunited for this anniversary production which is perfect for lovers of politics or those just looking for a good laugh.

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Winners 'thrilled' with honeymoon

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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Sophie Smyth and Mark Besson, *right*, check details of their dream trip

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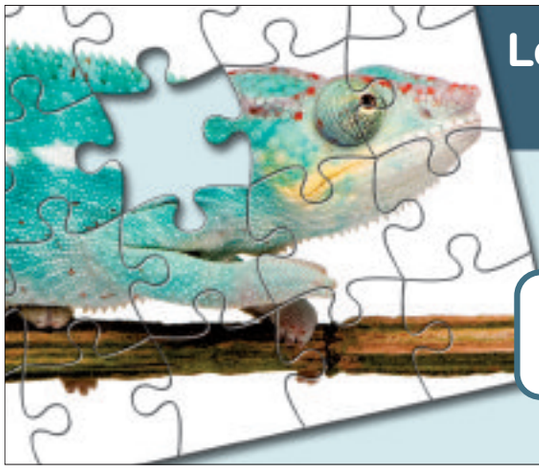

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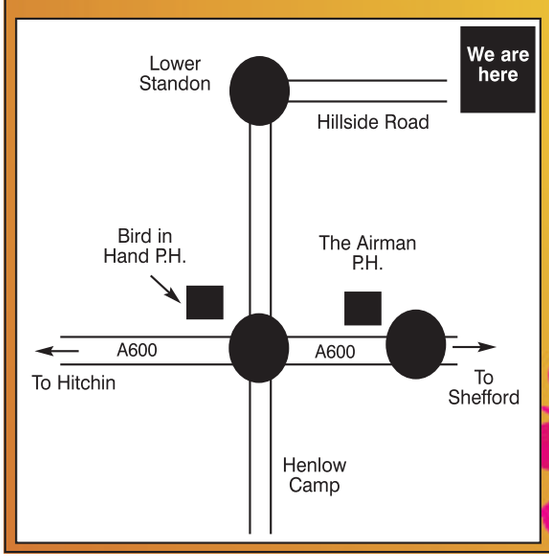

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WHAT'LL IT TAKE

Graham Coxon

SOME people have a talent for making a little go a long way.

Concentrated drinks makers for one, Westlife for another.

Graham Coxon, on the other hand, has managed to string a song out to four-and-a-half minutes, even though the verses and chorus consist of precisely one line each.

I'm not kidding. The verse goes 'what'll it take to make you people dance?'over and over again and the chorus goes 'I don't know what's really wrong with me.'

In terms of singalongability, this is a doddle to learn, especially seeing as singalongability isn't a proper word, so if anything that should make it even easier.

Anyway, this is a reasonably cheerful little ditty, at least it is until the last minute when it goes mad and slightly angry about err, well, there are only two lines.

What could it possibly be about?

Let me think for a second – don't go away.

Has a think, comes back

Right, I've got it. It's about a DJ who's in charge of the music at some prestigious event.

Could be a wedding, the launch of a Formula 1 car, school disco, could be anything.

However, let's imagine that said DJ has badly misjudged the tone of the event.

Playing Love Will Tear Us Apart at a wedding for example, or Crash by the Primitives at an F1 launch, y'know, that sort of thing.

This goes on for about half an hour, all in front of a defiantly empty dance floor that might as well have tumbleweeds rolling across it.

In desperation, he grabs the mic (yo) and that's the verse sorted.

Now then, during the course of the evening, he's been helping himself to snacks and we all know that the human body can only take so much in the way of Tizer and Pringles before it exceeds its limits of tolerance.

He feels ill, but hasn't worked out why and as he pops Killing In The Name on for the kids he tells a doctor (because there's always one in the house somewhere) his symptoms, and there's your chorus.

You see? On the face of it, this is an entertaining, yet increasingly repetitive single, but there's so much more to it than that.

And guess what; daft and inconsequential as this song is, I genuinely do like it.

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MITCH BENN AND THE DISTRACTIONS

Sunday, 8pm

NOT only one of the most sought-after acts on the comedy circuit, Mitch Benn is also widely acknowledged as one of the best writers/performers of comic songs in the country.

Having begun his comedy career in Edinburgh in 1994, he quickly established himself as a comedy headliner.

Mitch is now a regular writer and performer on The Now Show for BBC Radio 4 and It's Been a Bad Week for BBC Radio 2.

He has also so far had three successful series of Radio 4 show Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music and he hosts a music show on BBC Radio 7.

But on Sunday Mitch and his band The Distractions bring their laugh-out-loud lyrics and sound to The Stables as part of their Ode warrior tour.

Nice distraction: Mitch Benn

MK LIFE spoke to Mitch about what to expect from the show - and it sounds like you need to get your dancing shoes out of the closet.

"By the end of the show I've seen some people up dancing and laughing hysterically, which is technically impossible," he said.

"We play songs in every imaginable music style - it's very diverse. "Everything from finger-picking folk, reggae and heavy metal, sometimes in one song - there's literally no genre I would dismiss out of hand.

"Yes there are bad songs but there's no such thing as a bad genre, and that's why I love being in this band, because they never dismiss any kind of music.

"I love Iron Maiden but I would go mad in the band - I think members of Iron Maiden wake up sometimes in the morning and wish they could play reggae."

Although Mitch is known for his comically-musical stylings, he promises not to be one of those acts which simply adds witty lyrics to other people's music.

He added: "We do stuff that's a parody of a particular artist - for example we've got a Smiths song that sounds like The Smiths but not one you've ever heard before."

Tickets are £12.50 and are available at www.stables.org.

COMEDY PERFORMANCES

TONY LAW: GO MR TONY GO!

Friday and Sunday

THIS oddball comedian hits the comedy halls of Milton Keynes on his tour this week not once, but twice.

As featured on BBC3 show Russell Howard's Good News and Channel 4's Does Doug Know? you should expect bizarre ramblings with an international flavour.

Tony has performed in New York, Aspen, South Africa, Ireland, The Netherlands and in his native Canada.

He is a regular face at the UK's biggest comedy clubs such as The Comedy Store and Jongleurs.

Tony Law

He also created The Dinks, with fellow funnymen Dan Antopolski and Craig Campbell, an acclaimed comedy troupe which has been titillating the funnybones of both fringe audiences and critics.

His comedy stock is going from strength-to-strength, delighting both television and live audiences across the UK, and one of his strongest and most critically-acclaimed shows came at Edinburgh's Fringe last year.

So if you want to hear about time-travelling adventures with sausage dogs and other leftfield banter, make sure to check out Mr Law this weekend.

You can see him at Madcap Theatre in Wolverton on Friday (doors 7pm, tickets £10, £8 concessions via www.madcap.org.uk), or on Sunday at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell (from 7pm, Tickets £5 via www.ents24.com).

STOWE VISITORS' CENTRE

TO CELEBRATE the opening of a new £9million visitor centre at Stowe and a monumental make-over of the gardens, the National Trust is hosting 18th century fun and activities this weekend.

You are invited to explore the restored Georgian coaching inn, built around 300 years ago to house the first tourists to Stowe, and to enjoy the new visitor centre on the same site.

You can then enjoy free entry into the large-scale gardens which were created in the 18th century to be an earthly paradise.

New Inn will be brought to life with costumed historians, live music from the Georgian era, baking demonstrations and ale sampling.

In the gardens, various temples, which are not normally open to the public, will throw open their doors for visitors to see inside and there will be 18th century musicians, horse-drawn carriage rides and a chance to see The Grotto by candlelight.

The gardens of Stowe and the new visitor centre are open seven days a week year-round from 10am until 6pm.

To find out more visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe, or call Stowe on 01280 817156.

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YES, PRIME MINISTER

Monday-Saturday, 7.30pm, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.30pm

THE much loved BBC hit TV series is now touring in a hilarious, award-winning new version written specifically for the stage.

To mark Yes, Prime Minister's anniversary the original writers, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, reunited for this special stage production.

Prime Minister Jim Hacker, played by Graham Seed, (known as Nigel Pargetter from The Archers) and his Cabinet Secretary Sir Humphrey Appleby, played by Michael Simkins, are back and heading the coalition government.

In a world of spin, BlackBerrys and 'sexed up' dossiers, the PM is staring disaster in the face.

The Government's only apparent salvation comes from a morally dubious deal with the Foreign Minister of Kumranistan.

But great institutions have a way of riding punches and bouncing back unscathed.

Will Jim Hacker and his team of advisors be able to rescue the country from the edge?

■ Tickets cost between £13 and £32. To book, visit the website at www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes (booking fee applies).

Graham Seed (Jim Hacker) and Michael Simkins (Sir Humphrey) in Yes, Prime Minister

STANTONBURY THEATRE

THE SORCERER AND COX AND BOX

Tuesday-March 31, 7.30pm

A VIVIDLY fresh approach to this Sullivan double-bill.

Cox and Box tells of the complications which arise from the actions of an unscrupulous lodging house-keeper who obtains double rent for one of his rooms by letting it to two tenants simultaneously.

The Sorcerer is the tale of a young man whose upcoming wedding has made him so happy that he calls upon a sorcerer to make the rest of his village as overjoyed as he is by secretly getting them to drink a love potion at the vicar's tea party, with hilarious results.

Full of laughter and wonderful music this is a show for the whole family.

Tickets cost £15, concessions £13. No concessions for Friday and Saturday evening.

Call 01908 262250 to book.

CHRYSALIS THEATRE

Pagrav Dance Company

INDIAN DANCE FESTIVAL

Sunday, 7pm

PAGRAV Dance Company presents two new choreographic journeys, I, Within/Anant and Kathak.

They showcase both the traditional and contemporary work of the company and artistic director Urja Desai Thakore.

I, Within/Anant (meaning 'endless') is a solo performance presented by Urja in a traditional context.

It was originally created under the working title, HATS, and was presented at The Place as part of Resolution! in 2010.

Kathak, performed as a duet, explores the inner conflict of women in modern society through paradoxical reflection.

With 'two women as part of one whole', it demonstrates the multifaceted nature of individual identities.

Tickets cost £8, concessions £6. To book call 01908 366640, or pay on the door.

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHTS: 16MM FILM SCREENING

Tomorrow, 6.30pm, free

THIS special event presents a snapshot of a new generation of film makers who are continuing to explore the rich, poetic qualities of 16mm film, a medium increasingly under threat from the digital revolution.

Artists include Richard Bevan, Lucy Parker, Ruth Proctor, Luke Williams, Aishan Yu, Sophie Michael and Pernille Ramfelt. The event is free.

Call 01908 676900 for more.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: ALL THAT HEAVEN ALLOWS

Friday, 6.30pm

JANE Wyman is a repressed wealthy widow and Rock Hudson is the hunky Thoreau-following gardener who loves her in Douglas Sirk's heart-breakingly beautiful indictment of 1950s small-town America.

Sirk utilises expressionist colours, reflective surfaces, and frames-within-frames to convey the loneliness and isolation of a matriarch trapped by the snobbery of her children and the gossip of her social-climbing country club chums. Considered as one of the best romantic films of all time.

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FILM REVIEW

Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss in The Hunger Games

THE HUNGER GAMES (12A)

Synopsis: Kids must battle to the death in a brutal society
Who's in it: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Woody Harrelson

IMAGINE a society where two children are selected at random from various towns and forced to fight to the death in front of a bloodthirsty TV audience.

The gruesome battle takes place in a specially constructed arena (with a force-field around it so nobody can escape) and all manner of vicious weapons are provided for the carnage.

Only one child can survive the event and by doing so will be allowed to escape their life of poverty for something more luxurious.

Every other competitor taking part will die and the event will be held year after year.

This probably sounds absolutely horrific, but it is the premise of Suzanne Collins' extremely popular series of books.

The first of which – The Hunger Games – has now been brought to the big screen and is sure to generate a fair bit of interest.

Set in a dystopian future, the story is based in the fictional country of Panem – formed when the United States collapsed.

An all consuming, all powerful region known as The Capitol has absolute power over the country, including a number of poverty stricken districts which exist simply to serve the wishes of the rulers.

It is from these districts that the children for the gruesome Hunger Games are selected, using a sinister lottery system known as the reaping.

This is certainly an unusual idea for a story but the twisted plot has proven a big hit with the young adult audience who Collins was aiming her books at.

Our heroine is Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) who enters the arena and must make impossible choices as she fights for her survival.

Any fans of the book needn't have to worry about some Hollywood producers ruining an author's vision with their big screen creation, as Collins was involved with writing the screenplay.

The result is that the film remains true to the book but that doesn't mean that there are not a few surprises along the way.

A lot of the book is told through Katniss' thoughts and the film does well to put these scenes across, and some extra information about the story is also revealed.

Because of the target crowd the film is suitable for most as despite the killing it is not particularly graphic.

In the end it's an intriguing, well-made film version of an interesting book which you'd do well to go and see.

8/10

TASTE LIFE

THE RED LION

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JUST a few minutes out of Woburn, tucked away is a country pub that has bucked the trend. By reopening.

As village pubs up and down the land shut The Red Lion has been given a new lease of life by Doughty Brasserie after closing its doors last year.

Newly refurbished it offers a warm and friendly welcome and menu filled with mouth-watering dishes at prices that won't break the bank.

On the evening we chose to dine, the restaurant was quiet but the layout meant it did not feel empty.

I had the combination of char-grilled breast of pigeon served with risotto, the perfect bedfellows. The crisp crunch of bacon and sweetcorn complimented the moist rice and rich game bird.

My partner went for a smoked chicken mango and avocado salad where the sweetness of the fruit was balanced by the sharp lime and sesame dressing.

Starters consumed with delight.

For main I picked pan fried fillet of bream with sautéed potatoes, garlic beans and a wonderful parsley cream. The flavours blended beautifully without destroying the taste of the fish.

Slow roasted belly of pork with caramelised apples, a potato mash and mustard sauce was chosen by my partner. 'Hearty and wholesome' was her verdict, trying some I could only agree.

Despite both our New Year's promises to shed a pound or two we could not resist the pudding menu.

Vanilla creme brulee and pistachio ice cream with a coco tuille wafer was not only pleasing to the eye, it tasted as good as it looked.

While I went for a steamed marmalade and whisky pud, it tasted just like Christmas, and the drambuie custard left you licking your lips.

The Red Lion serves food from 12-3pm and 6.30-9pm Monday to Friday and from noon to 8pm over the weekend.

Along with the full menu it offers a lunch menu and bar snacks, as well as a Sunday lunch but landlord Ian Rushton is keen to stress 'if we've got it you can have it.' So no excuses - make the effort and head for The Red Lion just outside Woburn's famous lions.

Andy Handley

WOBURN SAFARI PARK

JOIN Ben and Holly from Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom for a magical day as they cast a spell of enchantment over the park.

The popular characters from Channel 5 and Nick Jr's TV series will be visiting the park as part of a special Family Fun Weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Your visit can include two great days of entertainment, with special meet and greet show times with a friendly group of endangered animal characters - the Wild at Risk Troop - on Saturday.

Ben and Holly will be meeting and greeting their fans and posing for photographs at intervals throughout the day on Sunday in the Birds in Action arena.

When you buy a Family Fun Weekend ticket you will get some fantastic goodies, including a free Woburn Safari Park 2012 Guidebook, a meet and greet session in the Safari Lodge, a drinks voucher for each of your family and a voucher for ten per cent off retail and catering.

Special Family Fun Weekend tickets are available to buy online and you can save nearly 20 per cent on gate prices. See www.woburn.co.uk/safari.

All children under the age of three can visit the park for free, but these need to be booked online on the events ticket page.

WOBURN PARISH CHURCH

RICH CHORAL HARMONY

Saturday, 7.30pm

TO CHASE away the winter blues, there'll be a warm glow of rich choral harmony at the Danesborough Chorus Spring Concert.

Conducted by Ian Smith, the concert will include Giovanni Gabrieli's Jubilate Deo, Domenico Scarlatti's Madrid Mass and a selection of Anton Bruckner's Motets. The concert will also feature the choir's John Witchell on the church's organ.

Tickets are £18 and £14 (reserved) and £10 (unreserved), including a free programme.

Call 01908 583460 for more.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

OPEN University spring Choir Concert, Hub Theatre, Walton Hall, 1pm. The OU Choir presents a Scottish-themed concert with two world premieres by William Bowie - his setting of Sir Walter Scott's poem Thomas The Rhymer and A Scottish Overture and Choral Prelude on Hymnto St Magnus by choir conductor Bill Strang. See www.open.ac.uk /wikis/ouchoir for details.

FRIDAY

MK MANGA Club Meeting, Milton Keynes Central Library. At this meeting you can find out more about the Japanese Festival of Hinamatsuri which translates as Doll Festival and is also known as Girl's Day.

SATURDAY

MOTORBIKE Magic, Mount Farm. Join The Parks Trust and Milton Buzzard Motorcycle Club to see riders demonstrate their skill and balance at the Mount Farm Trials Park Open Day. 11am–2pm. Parking is available at the Trials Park, off V8 Marlborough Street. For more information, see www.theparkstrust.com.

FOLK Off the Green, York House, London Road, Stony Stratford. Folk On The Green reaches its 40th anniversary this year, but due to last year's rain-hit event, it needs your help. Top singer-songwriters Steve Gifford, Graham Robins and Linda Watkins have offered their talents for an intimate fundraising concert. Tickets £5 from Odells in High Street, or Well Past It in Timor Court, or by calling 01908 569346. Starts at 7.30pm.

OXJAM Latin Jazz Club, Cedars School, Leighton Buzzard. For one night only, top Latin American jazz singers plus an All-Star band of leading UK jazz musicians are getting together in aid of OxJam, the live music arm of international charity Oxfam. Doors Open 7.30pm, on stage at 8pm. Tickets £15, under 18's £7, from CocoaBerry, Hockliffe Street, or call 01525 381341.

THE Pink Cardiacs, The White Horse, High Street, Stony Stratford. Brylcreem-laced vintage rock'n'roll. Starts 9pm. Free entry. Call 01908 567082 for more details.

SUNDAY

STILL Waters, Woughton Leisure Centre. Live music in the bar at 1.30pm, free entry, families welcome.

EASTER Craft and Vintage Fair, Kingfisher Country Club (between Stony Stratford and Buckingham), 11am-4pm.

MONDAY

QUIZ Night, The Barge Inn, Woolstone. Join in the fun, try to win yourself a prize and raise money for Willen Hospice in the process. Costs £1 per entrant, 8.30pm.

TUESDAY

PUSHCHAIRS in the Park, Ouse Valley Park. Outdoor adventures whatever the weather. Pushchairs optional, wellies essential. Run by the Pre-School Learning Alliance and The Parks Trust. Free, 10-11.30am. Park in Wolverton Mill car park, Watermill Lane, Stratford Road. See www.pre-school.org.uk/milton-keynes for more information.

WEDNESDAY

SEW Damn Good, The Buszy, CMK. For people wanting to learn new crafting and handmade skills. This week, learn how to make your very own bunting in time for the diamond jubilee celebrations. Costs £5, see www.thebuszy.com, or call 01908 231312.

BEN Poole, The Stables. Currently being described as the most exciting young blues guitarist to come out of the UK for a long time, Ben was voted Best Newcomer by Blues Matters magazine in their 2011 readers poll and was nominated for three awards at the British Blues Awards in 2011. Starts 8.45pm. Tickets cost £10 from www.stables.org.

Tell MK NEWS readers about YOUR event

Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586. Remember to get the details to us at least two weeks before the event and we will publish them, space permitting.

COMPETITION

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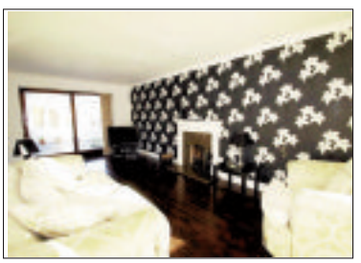

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TAYLORS Executive Homes is delighted to offer for sale this beautifully presented and extremely attractive Regency-style four-bedroom detached residence situated on a prominent corner plot in the extremely sought after area of Willen.

This property has many interesting features, including sash double glazed windows, treated floorboards, under floor heating and private courtyard driveway with pillared entrance.

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£350,000

- Detached
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family room
- Study
- Kitchen/breakfast room

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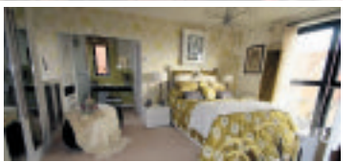

Upton

Taylors are pleased to offer for sale a unique four storey four bedroom detached eco property. The property benefits from eco features including solar panels, full gas fired to radiator central heating system.

£875,000

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- Four Bathrooms
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- Stunning Refitted Kitchen
- Glass Eyrie with Panoramic Views
- Roof Garden

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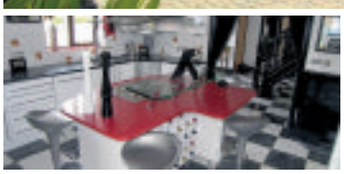

Furzton

This exclusive detached property is set on a generous private plot in the highly sought after area of Furzton on Bilbrook Lane. The property is finished to the absolute highest order to include under floor heating.

£795,000

- Exclusive Detached
- Generous private Plot
- Underfloor heating
- Double Garage
- Views across Furzton Lake
- Feature Atrium style Frontage

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Furzton

This beautifully presented five bedroom detached executive residence is situated in a sought after cul-de-sac close to the popular Furzton Lake.

OIEO £410,000

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- Rarely available
- Four double Bedroom
- Detached Residence
- Grade I listed
- Large private Garden
- Long sweeping Driveway

O.I.E.O. £695,000

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Walton Park

A Lakeside property with a twist, the property is upside down in conventional terms and works perfectly, having lake views from balcony, lounge, family/dining room and kitchen/breakfast room.

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Lakeside Views
- Balcony
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Ensuites
- The Upside Down Property

Fixed Price £600,000

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- Delightful Family Home
- 'The Garden of the Year'
- Overlooking Greenery
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- Double Garage

OIEO £350,000

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Bletchley

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- Five Bedroom Detached
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- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Secluded Location

£420,000

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- Three Ensuites
- Easy Access to the M1
- Character Features

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Hartwell

A beautiful Grade II listed thatched cottage on a generous plot in Hartwell. This property has been thoroughly renovated to a high standard mindful of keeping the character and charm of the cottage in tact.

£435,000

- Grade II Listed
- Thatched Cottage
- Character & Charm
- Renovated to a high standard
- Three Bedrooms
- Master Ensuite

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Wavendon Gate

This beautifully presented four bedroom detached executive residence is situated on a private plot in the popular area of Wavendon Gate. The property briefly comprises a 30ft lounge, dining room, kitchen.

£600,000

- Detached
- Generous rear Garden
- Double Garage
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Ensuite to Master

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Bletchley

A grade II listed character property with extremely versatile accommodation. The property benefits from ample off road parking, attached barns, exposed timbers and feature fireplaces.

O.I.E.O. £600,000

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- Versatile Accommodation
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- Bathroom
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- Kitchen
- Lounge/ Dining Room
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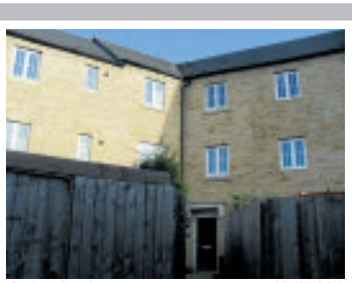

Oxley Park £145,000
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- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Living room with Juliette balcony
- Allocated parking

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- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Rear Garden

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Monkston £145,000
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- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Four piece Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Double glazing

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Fishermead £55,000
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Study
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens

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Bolbeck Park £290,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- En-suite to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing

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Springfield £137,500
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- Cloakroom
- Double Glazing
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- Three Storey
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- Cloakroom
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- Popular location
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- Rear Garden
- Allocated parking
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- Four Bed Detached
- Separate Reception rooms
- Cloakroom & Utility room
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage
- Private generous rear Garden

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Oakhill **£240,000**

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- Semi-detached
- Ensuite to Master
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Garage
- Front & rear Gardens

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- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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- Ideal for first time buyers

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- Detached
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- Utility & Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage & Driveway

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- Cul-de-sac location
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- Corner plot rear Garden
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- Re-fitted Kitchen
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- Separate Kitchen
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- Off road parking

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- Victorian property
- Separate Receptions
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gas central heating
- Rear Garden

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- Re-fitted Bathroom
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & rear Gardens
- Off road parking

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- Spacious
- End of Terrace
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Shower Room
- Bathroom

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- Four Bed Detached
- Cul-de-sac location
- Extended re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Family room
- Detached double Garage
- Large rear Garden

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- Semi-detached Bungalow
- Garage & Driveway
- Large rear Garden
- No upper chain
- Conservatory

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- End of Terrace
- No upper chain
- Off road parking
- Front & rear Gardens
- Potential to extend

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- Ground floor Apartment
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- Conservatory
- Utility room
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- Four Reception Rooms
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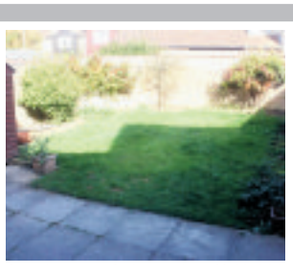

Sherington Guide Price £240,000

- Three Bedroom Link Detached House
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Gardens To Front And Rear
- Single Garage
- Sought After Location
- No Upper Chain

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- Detached Office
- Ideal To Work From Home
- Three Receptions
- Ensuite to Master
- Garage & Driveway

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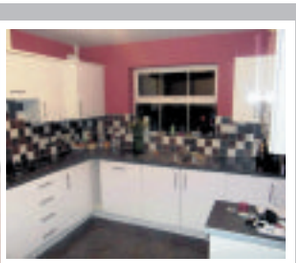

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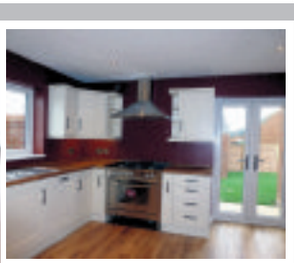

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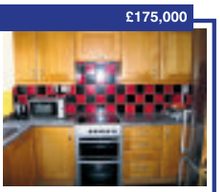

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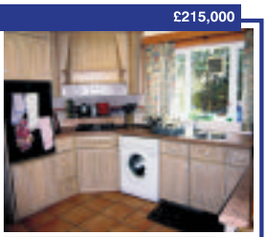

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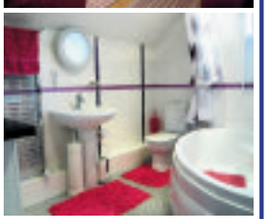

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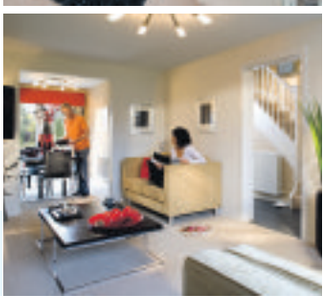

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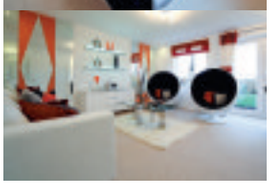

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Closing date for applications Monday 2nd April 2012

No agencies please.

TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 2

Inclusive Learning Faculty
MK Grade 4 (£15,725 - £18,453)
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We are seeking to appoint an organised, proactive and reliable Teaching Assistant **to join our Inclusive** Learning Faculty. The successful candidate will enjoy working **with young people and** will play a key role in supporting students in school, both in **class and through the** delivery of small group work.

A candidate information booklet and application form are available on the vacancies section of Lord Grey School's website:

http://www.lordgrey.org.uk/general-information/vacancies/

For a word version of the application form please contact HR at Lord Grey School on 01908 626 117.

Completed application form and covering letter should be submitted to Human Resources at Lord Grey or emailed to hr@lordgrey.org.uk by 12 noon on Thursday 5th April 2012.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 26th April 2012.

The school is committed to safeguarding children.
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Telephone: 01582 661342

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All posts are permanent appointments. Both newly qualified and experienced teachers are invited to apply. Visits to the school prior to making an application are most welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

An application form and further details are available from the Headteacher or Mrs. J. Cross, 01582 661342 or via email: office@streetfield.beds.sch.uk.

Closing date: Friday 20th April 2012

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Closing Date: 26th March 2012

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Interview date: 18th April 2012.

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If you want to join our school, details and an application form are available on our website www.ousedale.org.uk via email to recruitment@ousedale.org.uk or by applying to Mrs Sue Carbert, Headteacher at the address shown below. Application Forms only will be accepted – please do not send CVs.

Closing date: 3pm Thursday 29th March 2012.

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Required for 1st September 2012

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Closing date: 21st March
Interview date 26th March

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Closing Date: Monday 16th April Interviews: Wednesday 25th April
Tel: 01908-605605 e-mail: brooksward@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Website: http://www.brooksward.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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Applications deadline 4pm Tuesday 1st May 2012
Interviews to be held on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th May 2012

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Closing Date:
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For an application form and further details please send a large SAE to Ms K Hammond, at the school address or come in and collect one.

Closing date: 12 noon, 20 April 2012. **Ref: 40/0354**

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
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Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Closing date: 26th March 2012

Interview date: 30th March 2012

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Bedford Academy, Mile Road, Bedford. MK42 9TR
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From September 2012

English Teacher

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Interviews: w/c Monday 23rd April

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TLR 2A

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Closing date: 9am Thursday 19th April
Interviews: Tuesday 24th April

Mrs Burrows is available for tours of the school and an informal chat.

Full details and the Bedford Borough application form are on our website www.newnham.beds.sch.uk or at www.tes.co.uk alternatively please contact HT's PA (pcorbyn@newnham-middle.org.uk)

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We are currently looking to employ two permanent Learning Coaches (Teaching Assistants) one for general classroom assistance and one to specialise in IT. You will be working with learners from year 7 to 11 in a variety of subjects. Are you enthusiastic, self-motivated and keen to work with teenagers?

You will be working:

- As part of a forward thinking team dedicated to our learners and the professional development of staff
- With learners who experience a variety of learning, emotional and/or behaviour difficulties offering in-class support and working individually in a supportive environment.

Additionally the ICT Learning Coach will be working:

- In a developing and innovative ICT department supporting learner progress with the ICT schemes of work.
- As part of the SEN team which is dedicated to the progress of its learners and the professional development of staff.

Applicants should possess good literacy and numeracy skills and GCSE Grade A-C or equivalent in English and Maths. The successful candidate will be able to offer a good balance of work/life and interpersonal skills, possess a flexible approach and be a good team player.

Please contact personnel@leon.milton-keynes.sch.uk to request an application form/ return completed forms or alternatively visit our website at www.leon-school.org
Please state clearly on your application which position you are applying for.

Closing Date: Friday 30th March 2012, noon
Interview Date: Thursday 19th April 2012

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For more information contact Gemma on 01908 242490.

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For Information Pack please contact June Davies on 01234 270252 or juned.aop@pohwer.net

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You should also have a high standard of numeracy and literacy.

Although some training will be given, you must have an in-depth knowledge of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit legislation, having gained this experience from working in a Revenues and Benefits environment.

A full driving licence and access to a vehicle is essential.

This job will be based in our Dunstable office.

Interview date: 23 April 2012.

CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS OFFICER

£19,621 - £21,519 pa (Quote ref: 2789)
Full-time, 37 hours per week

We currently have two vacancies in our busy assessment team which is responsible for all aspects of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax billing. As well as assessing Housing and Council Tax Benefit entitlement consistently and accurately, you will be required to determine Council Tax liability. The role requires a high standard of numeracy and literacy.

Although some training will be given, you must have an in-depth knowledge of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax legislation, having gained this experience from working in a Revenues and Benefits environment.

You will be dealing with members of the public so you should have excellent communication skills. You must also be able to prioritise your own work to meet deadlines and work well as part of a team.

This job will be based in our Dunstable office.

Interview date: 24 April 2012.

For an informal discussion about the Customer Accounts roles please contact: Debbie Harris on 0300 300 4160 or Julie Luckman on 0300 300 4154.

Closing date for the Customer Accounts roles: 30 March 2012.

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Please telephone the School for an appointment.

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For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs Norman on 01234 300100 or email: hazeldene@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: Monday 16th April 2012.
Interview date: Wednesday 25th April 2012.

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BEDFORD ACADEMY

Bedford Academy provides exciting, new and different opportunities for learning; transforming the aspirations and educational outcomes of our students and the local community. We opened on 1st September 2010 and move to our brand new building later this year.

Behaviour for Learning Supervisor

37 hrs per week, term time (inc 5 Training days)
Salary F/T Equivalent: £18,000-£21,500 pa
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We are looking for an outstanding, enthusiastic individual, with the skills to work as part of a team, to support our effective on call system, which forms part of our Behaviour for Learning Policy.

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- Support the smooth running of our Central Exit Room and act as student mentor/coach for specific students.
- Work closely with students and teaching staff to ensure students receive an effective and consistent approach to the behaviour for learning policy.
- Liaise with teaching staff to ensure effective continuity of learning and work completion for students in the Central Exit Room.

Essential Qualities

- English and Maths GCSE at grade C or above.
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Further details about the Academy, job description and an application form can be found on our website: www.bedfordacademy.co.uk

Closing date: 26th March 2012

Interview date: 30th March 2012

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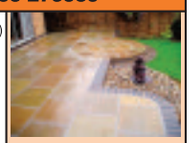

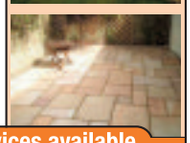

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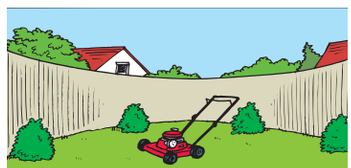

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(DRAYTON ROAD AND BARTON ROAD (PARTS), BLETCHLEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been a further delay in the timescales originally envisaged and previously notified on the 16th & 23rd November and 6th January respectively, for the temporary road closures taking place at Drayton Road and Barton Road Bletchley detailed below. Therefore, the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on the 23rd November 2011, under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will now take place during the dates and times stated below. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the following lengths of road :-

Drayton Road, Bletchley from a point approximately 150 metres north of its junction with the A4146 to its junction with Lomond Drive, Bletchley. It is anticipated that this closure will now commence from 7.00pm on Saturday 24th March 2012 until 3.00pm on Sunday 25th March 2012.

The alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed left onto Lomond Drive, then right onto Stoke Road, then right onto the A4146 and vice versa for northbound traffic.

Barton Road, Bletchley from the southern end of Barton Road at a point adjacent to number 32 Barton Road for a distance of approximately 110 metres in a northerly direction to its junction with the access road into Water Eaton Industrial Estate. It is anticipated that this closure will commence from 5.00pm on Saturday 24th March 2012 until 5.00pm on Sunday 25th March 2012.

There will be no alternative route for traffic for this closure.

However, if there is inclement weather forecast over this period or other unforeseen circumstances delaying the works, the closures will take place on either the weekend of the 7th to 8th April or the 5th to 6th May 2012.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst a mobile crane is positioned on site in order to enable the delivery of signalling structures into position on the railway infrastructure.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

This Order came into operation on Saturday the 26th November 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public has been alleviated, which ever is the sooner. If the danger remains up to the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

21st March 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH NUMBER 74, WOLVERTON (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along that length of Footpath Number 74, Wolverton that runs along the south-western edge of the Western Road Recreation Ground, Wolverton, adjacent to the housing development site, from a point where it meets the allotments and cemetery grounds to a point where it meets the redway adjacent to Radcliffe School, Wolverton.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary whilst works are carried out, namely construction works in connection with the Stratford Park Development. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from Friday 30th March 2012 until Saturday 29th September 2012, inclusive.

The alternative route for access will be via a temporary footpath that will be constructed along the western edge of the Western Road recreation ground, adjacent to the existing Footpath 74, Wolverton.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Friday 30th March 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, WEST BLETCHLEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 21 March 2012 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, The Order, which comes into effect on 30 March 2012, affects all classes of vehicle and has the following effects in parts of roads within West Bletchley:-

- The reduction of the length of the current 'Limited Waiting' restriction within the unnamed road leading from Church Green Road to Elmers Park and St Mary's Church;
- The increase of the current 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction within the unnamed road leading from Church Green Road to Elmers Park and St Mary's Church;
- The reduction of the current length of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction at the junction of Kincardine Drive and Sutherland Grove;
- The reduction of the current length of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction along part of Whalley Drive;
- The introduction of Residents' Permit parking, double yellow lines and one disabled persons' parking bay in parts of Corfe Crescent;
- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Bushy Close, Chester Close, Buckingham Road, Highland Close, Mersey Way, Tees Way, Mossmans Close, Rickley Lane, St Mary's Avenue, Whalley Drive and Whaddon Way;
- The introduction of 'No Loading' restrictions along parts of Highland Close, Mossmans Close and Rickley Lane.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order and copies of any Orders that are varied or revoked by this Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes; Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

21st March 2012

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00493/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to re-pollard one Willow tree at Bridge House, 3 Riverside, Newport Pagnell.
12/00498/FUL	Erection of 5 dwelling houses, 1 bungalow and 5 self contained apartments with vehicular access and parking provision (resubmission of 11/02652/FUL) at Former Scrap Yard, Mcconnell Drive, Wolverton.
12/00508/TCA	Notification of intention to re-pollard 2 x Ash trees at Bluebell Cottage, Bay Lane, Ravenstone.
12/00519/FUL	Addition to existing use class B1 use to include use class D1 (art classes and studio) at 70A High Street, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
12/00479/FUL	Change of use from farm barn to farm office (re-submission of 12/00009/FUL) at Home Farm, Hardmead, Newport Pagnell.
12/00480/LBC	Listed building consent for the change of use from farm barn to farm office at Home Farm, Hardmead, Newport Pagnell.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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12/00498/FUL	Erection of 5 dwelling houses, 1 bungalow and 5 self contained apartments with vehicular access and parking provision (resubmission of 11/02652/FUL) at Former Scrap Yard, Mcconnell Drive, Wolverton.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy And Development

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
AMENDED PLANS

12/00002/MKPC	Construction of the third phase of advanced highway infrastructure including ancillary earthworks, stopping up and diversion of Salford Road, new utilities and roads, ancillary junctions, footways, a public square and space for future ancillary landscaping and car parking on the new highway verge at Land at Brooklands, North of Broughton Brook, West of the M1 Motorway and South of the A509, Eastern Expansion Area, Milton Keynes.

Sheila Keene,
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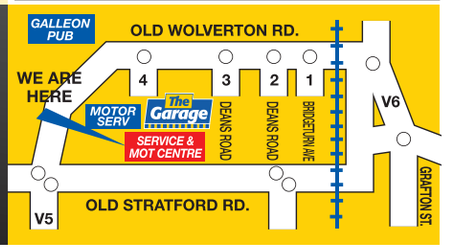

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AUG 9 CHELTENHAM (A) CC1	W	4-1
AUG 13 EXETER (A)	W	2-0
AUG 16 YEOVIL (A)	W	1-0
AUG 20 CHESTERFIELD (H)	W	6-2
AUG 23 NORWICH (A) CC2	W	4-0
AUG 27 STEVENAGE (H)	W	1-0
AUG 30 BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D	3-3
(BRENTFORD WON 4-3 ON PENS)		
SEP 3 CARLISLE (A)	W	3-1
SEP 10 SHEFF WED (A)	L	3-1
SEP 17 HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D	1-1
SEP 20 BURNLEY (A) CC3	L	2-1
SEP 24 BURY (A)	D	0-0
SEP 27 CHARLTON (H)	D	1-1
OCT 1 NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W	3-0
OCT 10 OLDHAM (A)	L	2-1
OCT 15 BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D	2-2
OCT 22 SCUNTHORPE (H)	D	0-0
OCT 25 SHEFF UTD (A)	L	2-1
OCT 29 WALSALL (A)	W	2-0
NOV 5 ROCHDALE (H)	W	3-1
NOV 12 NANTWICH (H) FAC1	W	6-0
NOV 19 COLCHESTER (A)	W	5-1
NOV 26 WYCOMBE (H)	W	4-3
DEC 3 BARNET (A) FAC2	W	3-1
DEC 10 TRANMERE (A)	W	2-0
DEC 17 PRESTON (H)	L	1-0
DEC 26 LEYTON ORIENT (A)	W	3-0
DEC 31 BRENTFORD (A)	D	3-3
JAN 2 COLCHESTER (H)	W	1-0
JAN 7 QPR (H) FAC3	D	1-1
JAN 17 QPR (A) FAC3R	L	1-0
JAN 21 NOTTS COUNTY (A)	D	1-1
JAN 24 STEVENAGE (A)	L	4-2
JAN 31 SHEFF WED (H)	D	1-1
FEB 4 HUDDERSFIELD (A)	D	1-1
FEB 14 CHARLTON (A)	L	2-1
FEB 18 OLDHAM (H)	W	5-0
FEB 21 BURY (H)	W	2-1
FEB 25 BOURNEMOUTH (A)	W	1-0
MAR 3 HARTLEPOOL (A)	D	1-1
MAR 6 YEOVIL (H)	L	1-0
MAR 10 EXETER (H)	W	3-0
MAR 17 CHESTERFIELD (A)	D	1-1
MAR 20 LEYTON ORIENT (H)	W	4-1
MAR 27 CARLISLE (H)		
MAR 24 WYCOMBE (A)		
MAR 31 BRENTFORD (H)		
APR 7 PRESTON (A)		
APR 9 TRANMERE (H)		
APR 14 SCUNTHORPE (A)		
APR 21 SHEFF UTD (H)		
APR 28 ROCHDALE (A)		
MAY 5 WALSALL (H)		

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

THERE was no football action in the Premier Division of the New City Heating Milton Keynes Sunday League this weekend as cup competitions instead took centre stage.

Trade 2U progressed to the semi-finals of the knockout cup with a 3-2 win against FC MMIX.

Joining them in the semis are Loughton Athletic who beat Great Mile Ash on penalties after the game finished 4-4 after normal time.

Also in the last four are Kings Arms who beat Olney Town 3-1 and Stony Stratford who were awarded their game against Padbury AFC.

In the Bill Johnson Supplementary Cup, Stantonbury Social A progressed to the next round with a 5-0 demolition job against CS Athletic.

AFC Santander have gone to the top of Division One after a 9-0 thrashing of sixth place Punjab United.

They go three points clear of Olney but have now played a game more than their league title rivals, who also enjoy a far superior goal difference.

Elsewhere in the division, Buckingham United beat MK Legends 1-0, MK United beat Stantonbury The Manor 2-1 and Stantonbury Social B enjoyed a 2-1 victory over New City Saints.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I'D LIKE to start by wishing the best to Bolton midfielder Fabrice Muamba.

It's terrible for everyone in his family and at the club and when something like that happens in football it just puts everything else into perspective.

This weekend we also heard the tragic news about former MK Dons scholar Liam Kelly who lost his father after his Kilmarnock side had beaten Celtic in the Scottish League Cup Final.

I watched the game and I was pleased that the underdogs did so well, but to hear the news about Liam, and then to learn that he was a local lad who was with the club, was devastating.

It was the greatest achievement in his career and he would have wanted to share it with his family, it must have been devastating for the whole Kilmarnock set-up.

This was such a happy moment for him and it just took it all away, so we send our best wishes from everybody at Milton Keynes Dons.

I'm looking forward to going back to my old club Wycombe this weekend.

I've been back to Adams Park with QPR when we organised a friendly game, but this will be my first competitive match since I was the manager there.

It will be good to see some old acquaintances but hopefully we will get the right result.

Wycombe are on a good run at the moment and have picked up some great points so will obviously fancy themselves to get out of trouble.

I know Gary Waddock the manager and Alan Parry, a close friend of mine, is a director – I want to make sure he's paying for dinner in the evening.

Jay O'Shea had lots of shots against Chesterfield on Saturday and he scored our equaliser.

Because it was St Patrick's Day, and because I do my artwork, Jay had asked me to draw a shamrock on his foot to bring him good luck.

I drew it on the strapping on his ankle but I drew it on his right foot and he scored with his left. That's the second time I have done it for him.

We made a bad start to the game, but we went on to completely dominate and create lots of chances.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton Ath	38	11	6	2	37	17	13	4	2	32	13	39	82
2	Sheffield Utd	38	13	3	3	43	22	9	4	6	29	17	33	73
3	Sheffield Wed	38	13	3	3	38	18	8	4	7	27	27	20	70
4	Huddersfield	37	11	6	2	31	17	6	11	1	39	21	32	68
5	MK Dons	37	10	6	2	37	17	8	6	5	32	22	30	66
6	Carlisle	36	10	6	3	35	27	5	6	6	18	28	-2	57
7	Stevenage	36	7	7	3	26	18	7	7	5	24	15	17	56
8	Notts County	38	10	5	4	30	22	6	3	10	26	31	3	56
9	Colchester	37	7	8	4	31	28	5	7	6	18	20	1	51
10	Bournemouth	37	7	3	9	19	22	6	6	6	21	22	-4	48
11	Brentford	36	7	5	6	28	22	5	6	7	18	22	2	47
12	Hartlepool	38	5	5	9	18	18	7	6	6	24	28	-4	47
13	Preston NE	37	6	6	6	24	28	6	4	9	22	28	-10	46
14	Yeovil Town	38	8	3	8	28	31	4	7	8	22	31	-12	46
15	Tranmere Rov	38	7	9	3	20	14	4	3	12	18	28	-4	45
16	Oldham Ath	36	7	4	7	22	22	5	5	8	22	32	-10	45
17	Leyton Orient	36	5	5	8	18	24	6	5	7	22	29	-13	43
18	Scunthorpe	38	4	8	7	26	29	4	10	5	22	23	-4	42
19	Bury	38	5	7	7	24	31	6	2	11	24	38	-21	42
20	Walsall	37	5	7	6	19	21	3	9	7	18	21	-5	40
21	Wycombe	38	7	3	9	30	30	4	3	12	26	41	-15	39
22	Rochdale	38	5	7	7	21	26	2	6	11	14	33	-24	34

USE YOUR LOAF: Shaun Williams heads Dons' second of the night
Pictures: Andy Handley.

Shaun of the head

DONS 4 LEYTON ORIENT 1

FROM BACK PAGE

bullet header. Irishman O'Shea, who scored at Chesterfield on Saturday, was then close to finding the target again with a sweet shot which was heading for the bottom corner before Orient keeper Paul Rachubka tipped it wide.

Dan Powell was next to go close with a shot on the turn as Dons looked to increase their lead before the break.

The hosts were now well on top but Orient skipper Matthew Spring missed a golden opportunity with a close range header which he tamely nodded into Martin's gloves.

Tom Flanagan, again looking assured in the Dons defence, was then needed to head Jimmy Smith's goal-bound header over the top of his own bar, before Luke Chadwick's close range finish was ruled out for offside.

Into the second half and Williams let fly from range with a missile which Rachubka could only parry in the only incident of any note in the first 20 minutes.

The half was shaping up to be a quiet affair with little action in either box and Robinson looked to freshen things by bringing on Jabo Ibehre against his former club.

The striker nearly made an instant impact with a back post header following Williams' corner before a returning Dean Bowditch was introduced in place of Chadwick.

And the top scorer Bowditch produced a lovely ball for Powell who cut inside the box and fired straight at Rachubka when he really should have scored.

He could have got his shot away earlier but the winger made amends with an assist as Dons grabbed a vital third.

MacDonald steered the wide man's cross towards goal and the ball squeezed underneath Rachubka, allowing Ibehre the simple task of rolling the ball into the unguarded net.

Dons were enjoying a late flourish and Powell put his earlier miss completely to bed by getting his name on the score-sheet himself.

After again cutting into the box he dispatched a rocket of shot which flew past a helpless Rachubka at the near post to add a touch of gloss to the score.

Dons: Martin, Lewington, Doumbe, Potter, MacDonald, Chicksen, Williams, Flanagan, Powell (Slane 86), O'Shea (Ibehre 67), Chadwick (Bowditch 68).
Unused subs: McLoughlin, Hall.

Leyton Orient: Rachubka, Chorley, Cuthbert, Forbes, Cox, Reed, Lisbie (Andrew 80), McSweeney, Spring, Smith (Mooney 59), Campbell-Ryce (Laird 70).
Unused subs: Youssef, Taiwo.
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THREE-SY DOES IT: Daniel Powell celebrates making it 3-1

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ICE HOCKEY – FROM BACK PAGE

Lightning let the advantage slip though and allowed the Wildcats a route back into the match.

With only 11 seconds before the end of the second period Jonas Hoog pulled a goal back to make it 5-3, and he followed that with another on 52 minutes, prompting Poole to call a time-out.

Unfortunately this had little impact as a collapsing Lightning allowed Hoog to level the scores by completing his hat-trick and Aaron Nell then sealed a dramatic 6-5 Swindon win by slamming home.

On Sunday, Lightning finished their three games in three days period with a 2-0 defeat to bottom of the table Telford Tigers.

Lightning, who were without Adam Carr for all three games due to a hand injury, conceded both goals in the final period.

Poole's side now have four league games left and face Peterborough Phantoms and Bracknell Bees this weekend – the penultimate two days of action.

ATHLETICS

OLYMPIC javelin hope Mervyn Luckwell finished sixth with a throw of 74.98m at an international meeting in Montenegro.

Fellow Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club member Jack Kee won the British Masters M70 Hammer and Weight title at the BMAF Indoor and Outdoor Throws Championships at Lee Valley.

GYMNASTICS

ACROBATS and Tumblers from MK Springers travelled to Southampton for the Regional National Development Plan (NDP) qualifiers and came away with a stack of medals.

Tumblers won seven gold, three silver and two bronze medals while sports acrobats won four gold, three silvers and one bronze.

BADMINTON

CHRIS Adcock and Imogen Bankier triumphed in a vital battle of Britain against compatriots Nathan Robertson and Jenny Wallwork at the Swiss Open.

Only one of the mixed doubles pairings can qualify for London 2012 and Adcock and Bankier are already out in front in the rankings.

The pair had to save three match points before beating their Olympic rivals 9-21 21-11 25-23 in the second round match up, and they went on to reach the semi-finals. Both pairs are based at the city's National Badminton Centre.

Meanwhile, Stantonbury Campus and Denbigh School will see their U14 boys and girls and U16 boys respectively compete at the National Schools Championships on April 21/22.

RUGBY UNION

ENTRIES are now being accepted for the Olney RFC 7s on Saturday, July 7 and the club also has tickets on sale for its annual dinner and May Ball. More details are available from www.olneyrfc.co.uk.

FORMULA ONE

Red Bulls hail their Australia comeback

Sebastian Vettel on the track at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit

WORLD champion Sebastian Vettel said his second place finish at the season opening Australian Grand Prix was the most he could have hoped for after a difficult day in qualifying.

Red Bull Racing were all conquering last year but Vettel was only quick enough to start sixth on the grid in Melbourne, one place behind his team-mate Mark Webber.

It was an early indication that the city-based team may not be as dominant as they were in 2011, with McLaren in particular looking to have closed the gap.

They claimed a qualifying one-two with Lewis Hamilton on pole and Jenson Button second and look like providing a much sterner test to the Tilbrook outfit over the coming months.

Button profited from an excellent start to take the lead from his team-mate at the first bend and was then rarely troubled at the front as he went on to win the race.

But Vettel recovered from his lowly start position to also get ahead of Hamilton – pushing him down to third – and that achievement represented 'a good comeback' for the German.

A disastrous start for Webber saw the Australian collide with Bruno Senna's Williams, pushing him back down to ninth.

This helped Vettel who moved further through the pack thanks to his overtake of Nico Rosberg and Michael Schumacher retirement due to gearbox problems.

On lap 36, both McLaren drivers entered the pits in quick succession and moments later Vettel had a slice of luck when Vitaly Petrov came to an awkward halt on the track, resulting in the introduction of the safety car.

Hamilton had to slow but Vettel was clear of the yellow flag section so could keep his speed – allowing him to emerge after his own pit stop ahead of the McLaren in second.

That was as good as it got though as Button surged away after the safety car to complete his comfortable victory.

An improving Webber managed a fourth place finish in his home race.

Vettel said: "I'm very happy with myself, I think it's the most we could have achieved.

"Even before the safety car, I think we would have had a good shot at Lewis towards the end, as we were getting close.

"I think Jenson drove a fantastic race and was unbeatable.

"Second place is a lot of points and I think people wouldn't have expected it after qualifying."

Webber added: "Qualifying was difficult for us, but the race pace was better today. It was just that we didn't have track position.

"I had a poor start, so I need to see what happened there, but it was a good day for Red Bull Racing given what we went to bed with. This was a good comeback and a strong start."

The season continues this weekend with the Malaysia Grand Prix in Sepang.

Team Principal Christian Horner said: "In Australia we saw strong recovery races from both Sebastian and Mark."

SPORTSSHORTS

HOCKEY

MK LADIES' 1sts welcome Durham 1sts to Wougton-on-the-Green this Sunday for the semi-final of the Investec England Hockey Women's Vase.

The side have already battled past Nuneaton, the University of East Anglia and Wilmslow to reach the last four of the competition, held for first teams in the lower levels of the regional leagues.

Guernsey or Oxted await the winners of the semi, which starts at 2pm, in the final.

This weekend saw the Ladies gear up nicely for the big clash with a 2-1 win over Reading 2nds in the Three Counties League Premier One.

Two Gemma Meredith goals secured the win which leaves MK fourth in the league and still in the hunt for promotion.

Meanwhile, the men's 1sts moved out of the relegation zone in the South League Premier Division One despite a 4-0 defeat to Old Georgians, thanks to other results going in their favour.

The men's 3rds beat Tring 2nds 4-2, the 4ths lost 5-2 to Eastcote 5ths and the 5ths drew 2-2 with Leighton Buzzard Fledglings.

There was a 3-1 defeat against Windsor for the Ladies' 2nds, but the 3rds saw off Oxford 5ths 2-0.

TAEKWONDO

STUDENTS from the city's Chand Institute of Taekwondo brought home eight medals from Sunday's Scottish Championships in Ravenscraig.

Reuben Sokhi was a triple gold medallist for patterns, sparring and special technique in the senior's category.

Jade Wren won a gold medal for patterns and a silver medal for sparring in the 11-13 years old cadet category and Ayesha Khan achieved exactly the same in the eight to 10 years old kids' kickers section. In the adult division Scott Owen picked up a bronze medal for sparring.

TABLE TENNIS

ANDREW Baggaley has been selected for the England squad which will compete at the World Team Table Tennis Championships.

The city's Olympic hopeful joins Paul Drinkhall, Darren Pitchford and Daniel Reed for the event which takes place in Dortmund from Sunday.

SKIING

CITY skier Matthew Thompson is preparing for this year's Delancey British National Alpine ski championships, which start in Meribel in the French Alps on Sunday.

The event is the biggest on the British alpine calendar and gives the 19-year-old the chance to build on 2010/11, his most successful season to date.

During the year he won the English Super-G championship and visited the podium 13 times at the British Championships.

KARTING

THE Daytona Milton Keynes circuit will host the British Schools Karting Championship on April 1.

More than 600 teams from across the country have been battling it out since January and the surviving regional winners will race for glory in the city.

BASKETBALL

Top eight hopes in the balance as Sharks triumph

Lions 84 Sheffield Sharks 92

SHEFFIELD beat Lions for the third time this season to leave the city side's play-off hopes hanging on a knife-edge.

Mike New's men snapped a seven game losing streak last weekend with a critical comeback victory against the Mersey Tigers but any hopes of building a winning run on the back of that triumph were crushed as the Sharks completed a season sweep over the Winterhill outfit.

It means that Lions still find themselves eighth in the British Basketball League, the last spot which earns a place in the play-off mix, with just seven regular season games left to play.

They are two points ahead of ninth placed Cheshire Jets – who visit Milton Keynes in April – having played a game more.

Things will not get any easier for Lions either as their next two games are away trips to high flying Leicester Riders and Newcastle Eagles.

Both sides have already secured their play-off spots with rivals Leicester fourth in the table and Newcastle currently topping the standings.

On Sunday, Ryan Patton and Olu Babalola were the chief tormentors for Sheffield with 28 and 27 points respectively to see Sharks home.

After two heavy defeats already this season against the Sharks, Lions must have been pleased to move into an early 15-9 lead on the back of former Sheffield player Justin Dobbins' two pointer.

New has been impressed with the impact Dobbins has made since the power forward arrived in the city in February, taking the place of released American Howard Crawford.

Lions remained in front and lead midway through the second quarter with the again impressive Demarius Bolds scoring to make it 33-24.

Sheffield gradually closed the gap though until Nuno Pedroso scored the final points of the half from the free throw line to give Lions a narrow 40-38 advantage at half-time.

But just as with the last meeting between the sides, Sharks excelled in the third quarter and stormed out of reach.

A brief Sheffield lead was overturned by the Lions but once Sharks levelled the match at 51-51 after a three pointer, they scored 14 of the next 16 points to lead 65-53 heading into the final period, before stretching that advantage to 18 points.

Lions closed the gap but the damage had already been done.

Ish Fontaine on the court against Sharks
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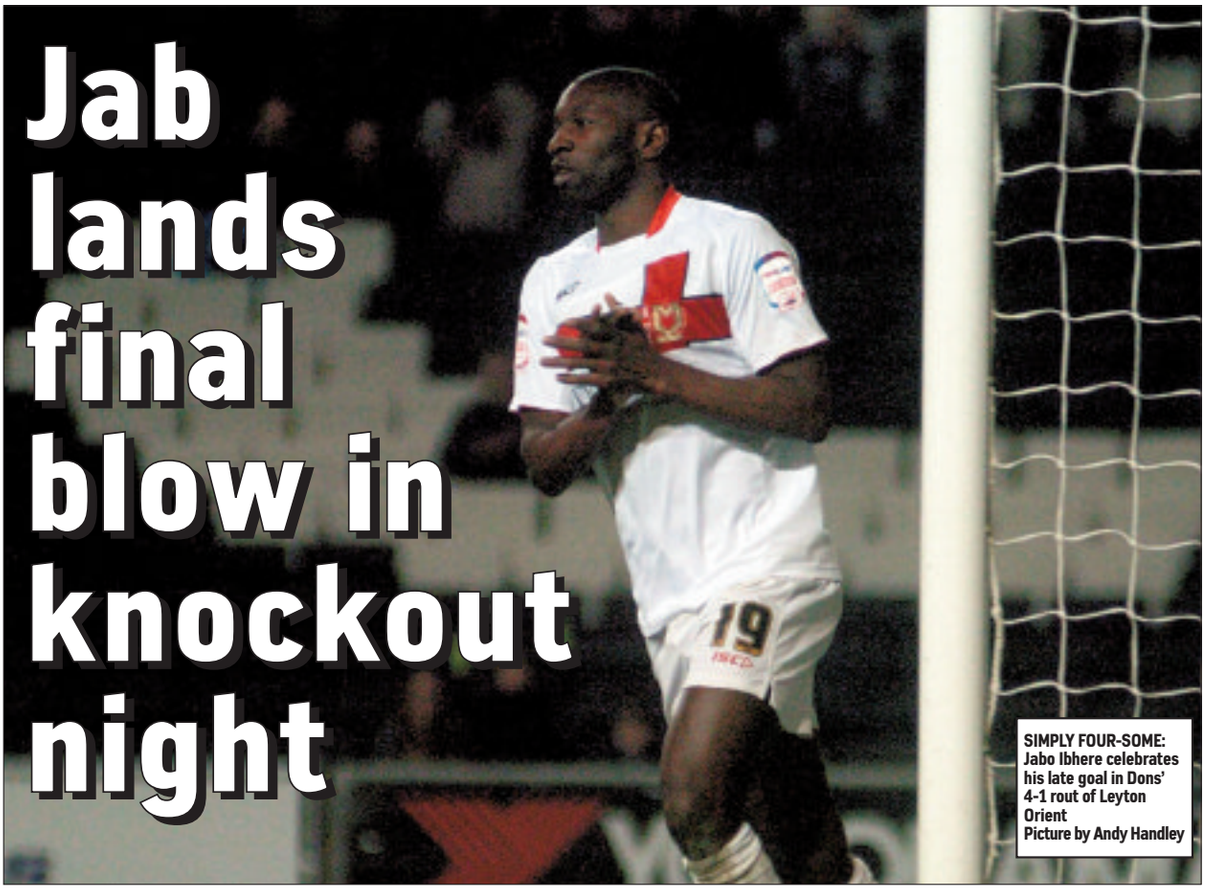
Jab lands final blow in knockout night



SIMPLY FOUR-SOME: Jabo Ibhere celebrates his late goal in Dons' 4-1 rout of Leyton Orient
Picture by Andy Handley

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DONS 4 LEYTON ORIENT 1

DONS maintained their promotion ambitions as a pair of goals in each half saw off Leyton Orient at *stadiummk* last night.

Karl Robinson's men were not at their free-flowing best but they still showed far too much for the Londoners who rarely threatened David Martin's net. There was a dream start for Dons who grabbed a valuable early goal with just two minutes on the clock.

Right-back Mathias Doumbe loves to get forward at every opportunity and the Frenchman set off down the wing on a run of real purpose before sliding in a cross which Charlie MacDonald flicked home from close range.

It was an excellent move and Shaun Williams then showed quality at the other end with a superb tackle to take the ball from Jemal Campbell-Ryce who was sprinting ominously at full pace.

The Orient man had been an early threat though and he had a key part to play as Russell Slade's visitors quickly got back on level terms.

A bending corner by the winger looked to be dipping straight into the net but Kevin Lisbie endeavored to make sure anyway with a goal-line header.

Dons keeper David Martin was convinced that there had been a foul in the build-up but his side forced their way back in front midway through the half.

Jay O'Shea – who has been in outstanding form since being given a run in the side – looped a beautiful delivery into the danger zone and centre-half Williams found room amongst a crowd of visiting players to thump the ball into the net with a

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Lightning prepare for play-off charge

MK LIGHTNING can now focus all their efforts on claiming the play-off trophy after rivals Guildford Flames were crowned as champions of the English Premier League.

Capturing the EPL title was the ultimate aim for Nick Poole's skaters at the start of the season, but the play-off prize now remains as the only piece of silverware left on offer.

The top-eight sides face each other in four separate two-leg matches, with the winning sides advancing to the Coventry Skydome on April 14/15 to compete for the trophy.

Lightning are fifth in the table with their play-off spot already secure and they will feel that they have every chance of winning the play-offs, especially if they can replicate their early season form which saw the city side made a storming start to the campaign.

Flames sealed their triumph with a 4-3 victory over Basingstoke Bison on Sunday but Lightning beat them 3-1 at Planet Ice on Saturday – proving that they are more than capable of seeing off the best sides in the division.

Jamie Line lifted the puck over Flames netminder James Hadfield's shoulder to open the scoring in the second period and Matt Towalski slotted home to make it 2-0 shortly before the start of the third.

Leigh Jamieson and Adam Brittle combined to set up Blaz Emersic to score the hosts' third goal with nine minutes remaining, before the Flames added a late consolation.

The win over the champions should boost Lightning's confidence although it was their only success during a busy period which saw three games in a hectic three days.

On Friday the team travelled to Swindon Wildcats and let a commanding lead slip in a topsy-turvy match which initially saw the hosts lead 2-0.

Leigh Jamieson pulled one back for Lightning before the end of the first period and they then ran riot thanks to further powerplay goals from Jamieson, Lukas Zatopek and two from Tuomas Tikkanen which opened up a seemingly unassailable 5-2 lead at the Wildcats' own rink.

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